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FOREWORD

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THE COMMONWEALTH'S LABOR MARKET

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS

Virginia's unemployment rate fell 0.3 percent in March to 3.8 percent and the number of jobless workers decreased 9,100 to 114,400 as the spring back-to-work movement got off to a strong start. The 3.8 percent March jobless rate was the best March rate in 15 years, since March 1973 when unemployment was also 3.8 percent of the labor force. This was one of the lowest jobless levels recorded in recent years. Virginia's current super strong employment picture was reflected in the comparison of the 3.8 percent March Virginia jobless rate with the March U. S. level of 5.9 percent. In March 1987, the Virginia unemployment rate was 4.6 percent. All five of the largest urban areas shared in this March's unemployment downtrend with Northern Virginia, Richmond-Petersburg, and Tidewater enjoying the lowest jobless levels in years.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS

During the March 6-12 reference period, total employment grew by 39,800 which was faster than the 30,700 increase in the labor force, so unemployment fell by 9,100. There were 47,000 Virginia residents drawing jobless benefits in March compared to 48,000 in February and 46,000 in March 1987. New claims for benefits averaged 6,300 per week in March, down from 7,500 per week in February, but above the 4,900 per week of March 1987. Some Easter week claims coming in March this year accounted for this March's higher new claims level.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED

Spring gains of 27,500 jobs in March pushed nonagricultural wage and salary employment to 2,737,400, a level surpassed only by December 1987's 2,744,700 jobs. Nonfarm employment was an impressive 115,000 jobs ahead of last March. Two employing divisions, the fast growing service sector (+11,600 to 652,800) and government (+3,600 to 546,700) set all-time records in March. Service featured growth at hotels, income tax preparers, computer service firms, and health care facilities in March. Most of this month's government growth was in the local sector. Shopping for an early Easter boosted trade employment by 7,800 to 628,000. The first of the spring building upturn increased construction employment (+5,700) to a record for March level of 181,000. Gains of 1,000 in transportation and 700 in finance were also noted. Factory employment dropped by 2,500 to 423,700 as tobacco, apple, and peanut processors completed the last of the 1987 crop. A mine closing lowered mining by 400 to 15,200. Virginia's 322,200 factory production workers earned an average weekly wage of $384.05 in March, $7.93 higher than February and $13.99 above March 1987. Hourly earnings at $9.39 were up $.08 per hour over the month and $.32 per hour over the year. The production workweek at 40.9 hours was 0.5 hour longer than February and 0.1 hour greater than last March.

JOBLESS TRENDS ACROSS THE STATE

All five of the state's largest metropolitan areas shared in the March jobless downtrend. Northern Virginia at 1.7 percent in March had the lowest rate for that area since figures have been kept on the current basis starting in 1974. Richmond-Petersburg at 3.2 percent and Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News at 4.1 percent recorded the lowest levels since those areas were designated on the current basis starting in 1982. Among the individual cities and counties in March, Manassas Park City at 1.3 percent was the lowest and Bath County, still reflecting seasonal problems, at 21.4 percent was the highest.

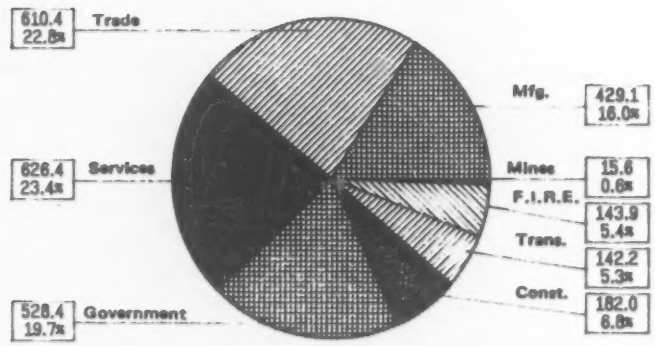
OUTLOOK

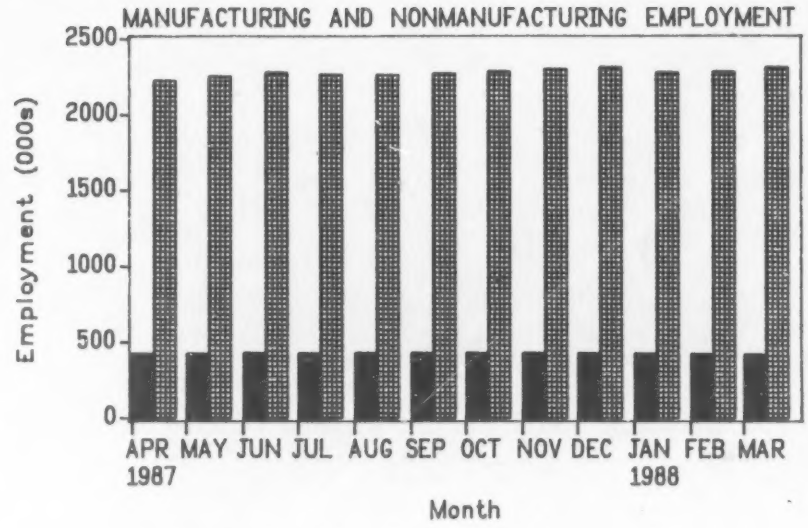
Employment usually increases from March through May in Virginia as construction, tourist services, and other outside activities continue to expand in preparation for the summer season. With February and March employment already being at such high levels, the March-April job gain may be smaller than usual. We project an April jobless level for the state of about 3.6 percent.

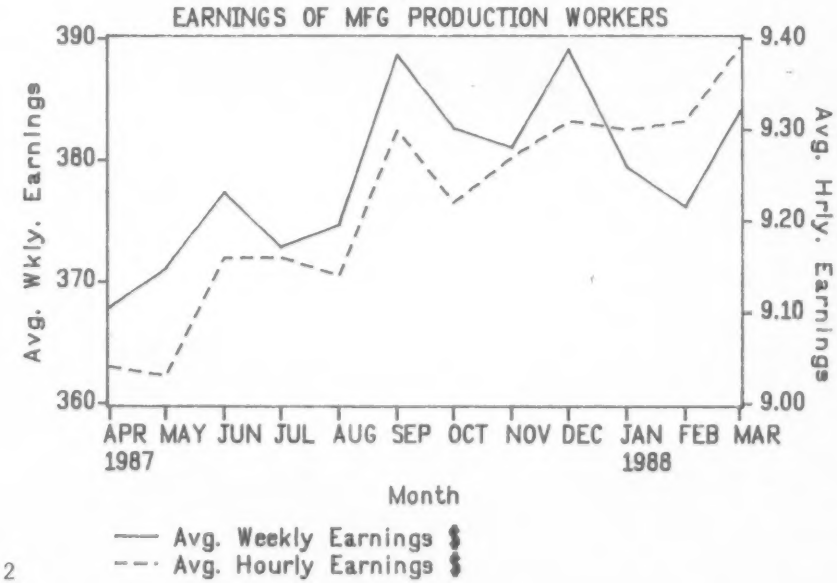
STATE OF VIRGINIA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- Spring employment gains of 27,500 jobs brought Virginia's total nonagricultural employment to 2,737,400 jobs, which was 115,000 jobs above March 1987.
- Manufacturing employment declined 2,500 jobs this month to 423,700 jobs. Some of these losses were posted in the food and tobacco industries as tobacco, apple, and peanut processors completed the last of the 1987 crop.
- Nonmanufacturing employment increased 30,000 jobs this month to 2,313,700 jobs, reflecting employment gains in services (+11,600), trade (+7,800), construction (+5,700), government (+3,600), transportation (+1,000), and finance (+700). A mine closing lowered mining by 400 jobs.
- Factory production workers earned an average weekly wage of $384.05 in March, $7.93 higher than February and $13.99 above last March.
- Average hourly earnings of $9.39 were $.08 above February and $.32 above the year-ago figure.
- An average workweek of 40.9 hours was 0.5 hour longer than February and 0.1 hour longer than last March.
- Virginia's unemployment rate fell 0.3 percent in March to 3.8 percent.

EMPLOYMENT (000s) IN VIRGINIA
1987







STATEWIDE AREA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	2,157.2	413.8	22.7	128.3	115.8	451.2	105.9	408.3	511.2
1981	2,160.8	414.0	21.7	116.3	117.6	460.4	106.1	418.3	506.6
1982	2,146.4	397.2	22.1	103.8	119.0	462.4	106.9	434.8	500.1
1983	2,206.9	403.6	17.4	113.9	120.4	480.2	110.1	460.4	500.9
1984	2,333.3	421.3	18.3	132.8	127.2	516.5	117.1	495.1	505.0
1985	2,454.7	423.4	17.3	152.0	132.0	547.0	122.8	544.7	515.6
1986	2,557.7	424.7	16.5	169.5	137.1	579.0	131.8	579.3	519.9
1987	2,678.1	429.1	15.6	182.0	142.2	610.4	143.9	626.4	528.4
1988:									
January	2,706.2	427.8	15.7	175.3	143.0	625.5	144.6	633.7	540.6
February	2,709.9	426.2	15.6	175.3	143.1	620.2	145.2	641.2	543.1
March	2,737.4	423.7	15.2	181.0	144.1	628.0	145.9	652.8	546.7

ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN VIRGINIA
(Employment Data in Thousands)

Publish Industry Title	Series Code	All Employees			Production Workers								
					Average Wkly. Earnings			Average Wkly. Hours			Average Hrly. Earnings		
		Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	2,737.4	2,709.9	2,622.4	$384.05	$376.12	$370.06	40.9	40.4	40.8	$9.39	$9.31	$9.07
MANUFACTURING	300005	423.7	426.2	425.9	$384.05	$376.12	$370.06	40.9	40.4	40.8	$9.39	$9.31	$9.07
DURABLE GOODS	300025	201.7	201.4	200.3	$394.28	$381.92	$384.86	41.9	41.2	42.2	$9.41	$9.27	$9.12
LUMBER & WOOD PROD	324005	24.5	24.3	25.3	$286.40	$284.09	$264.26	40.0	39.9	39.5	$7.16	$7.12	$6.69
MILLWRK/PLYWD/STR	324305	8.0	7.8	7.9	$324.40	$325.22	$297.77	40.0	40.4	41.3	$8.11	$8.05	$7.21
FURNITURE & FXTURE	325005	24.4	24.6	24.9	$246.88	$239.01	$244.82	39.5	38.8	40.4	$6.25	$6.16	$6.06
HOUSEHLD/OFF FURN	325135	23.0	23.1	23.3	$243.72	$237.12	$241.19	39.5	39.0	40.4	$6.17	$6.08	$5.97
STONE/CLAY/GLASS	332005	15.6	15.6	15.6	$363.85	$356.06	$349.45	41.3	40.6	41.9	$8.81	$8.77	$8.34
CNCRETE/GYPSM/PLA	332705	7.4	7.4	7.2	$369.34	$337.45	$328.72	42.6	39.7	41.4	$8.67	$8.50	$7.94
PRIMARY METAL INDU	333005	10.6	10.6	10.5	$471.60	$476.65	$486.15	45.0	45.7	46.3	$10.48	$10.43	$10.50
FABRICATED MTL PRO	334005	18.1	17.9	18.6	$394.54	$392.76	$406.90	40.8	40.7	43.8	$9.67	$9.65	$9.29
FAB STRL MTL PROD	334405	10.8	10.6	11.2	$359.10	$346.46	$357.33	40.9	40.1	43.0	$8.78	$8.64	$8.31
MACHINERY EX ELEC	335005	18.5	17.9	15.7	$403.49	$411.10	$399.25	43.2	44.3	42.7	$9.34	$9.28	$9.35
ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	336005	38.4	38.9	39.7	$397.10	$391.35	$389.46	42.2	41.5	41.3	$9.41	$9.43	$9.43
COMMUNICATN EQUIP	336605	18.5	18.5	19.8	$408.11	$420.33	$396.73	41.9	42.5	40.9	$9.74	$9.89	$9.70
TRANSPORTATN EQUIP	337005	43.1	43.2	41.8	$545.08	$502.38	$533.37	44.1	41.9	44.3	$12.36	$11.99	$12.04
INSTRUMENTS	338005	5.0	5.0	4.9	$325.36	$330.64	$311.95	41.5	41.8	41.1	$7.84	$7.91	$7.59
MISC MANUFACTURIN	339005	3.5	3.4	3.3	$313.22	$295.26	$301.49	39.3	37.0	41.7	$7.97	$7.98	$7.23
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	222.0	224.8	225.6	$374.40	$371.20	$357.59	40.0	39.7	39.6	$9.36	$9.35	$9.03
FOOD & KINDRED PRO	420005	38.9	39.8	37.5	$355.37	$352.55	$335.86	40.2	40.2	39.7	$8.84	$8.77	$8.46
MEAT PRODUCTS	420105	14.7	14.8	13.7	$294.47	$272.53	$281.10	41.3	39.1	40.1	$7.13	$6.97	$7.01
BEVERAGES	420805	4.8	4.6	4.5	$743.85	$778.11	$742.95	45.0	48.3	45.0	$16.53	$16.11	$16.51
TOBACCO	421005	12.8	13.4	13.1	$655.81	$634.20	$586.81	38.6	38.6	37.4	$16.99	$16.43	$15.69
TEXTILE MILL PROD	422005	41.5	42.3	44.1	$269.40	$268.02	$275.12	39.1	38.9	39.7	$6.89	$6.89	$6.93

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		Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
WEAVING MILLS	422135	15.1	15.0	14.6	$319.20	$323.51	$317.95	42.0	42.4	43.2	$7.60	$7.63	$7.36
NARROW FABRICS	422405	1.2	1.2	1.1	$258.06	$263.81	$289.64	46.0	45.8	39.3	$5.61	$5.76	$7.37
KNITTING MILLS	422505	17.6	18.4	20.9	$224.44	$222.12	$236.89	36.2	36.0	36.5	$6.20	$6.17	$6.49
MISC TEXTILES	422905	1.2	1.2	1.1	$309.50	$306.53	$320.77	41.6	41.2	44.8	$7.44	$7.44	$7.16
APPAREL & OTHR TEX	423005	29.0	29.4	30.4	$204.23	$203.67	$201.62	37.2	36.5	37.2	$5.49	$5.58	$5.42
MENS & BOYS	423175	9.2	9.2	9.9	$202.04	$198.44	$203.47	33.9	32.8	34.9	$5.96	$6.05	$5.83
WMS/CHLD OUTRWR	423335	15.6	15.9	16.0	$200.04	$195.71	$196.45	39.3	38.3	38.9	$5.09	$5.11	$5.05
PAPER & ALLIED PRO	426005	15.8	15.8	15.8	$508.52	$504.88	$477.12	43.5	43.3	42.0	$11.69	$11.66	$11.36
PULP/PAPER/PAPRBD	426135	8.1	8.1	8.1	$626.22	$633.40	$582.77	44.1	44.7	42.6	$14.20	$14.17	$13.68
MISC PAPER PROD	426445	7.4	7.4	7.4	$402.91	$389.43	$382.12	43.0	42.1	41.4	$9.37	$9.25	$9.23
PAPERBOARD CNTNR	426505	4.3	4.3	4.3	$441.00	$425.48	$421.60	44.5	44.0	44.1	$9.91	$9.67	$9.56
PRINTING & PUBLSHN	427005	33.1	33.2	32.3	$423.72	$413.56	$420.42	39.6	39.2	39.0	$10.70	$10.55	$10.78
NWSPAPR & PERIODC	427125	13.7	13.9	13.5	$343.71	$334.62	$354.14	33.5	33.0	35.7	$10.26	$10.14	$9.92
COMMERCIAL PRNTNG	427505	13.4	13.4	12.8	$472.78	$453.20	$461.31	42.1	41.2	39.7	$11.23	$11.00	$11.62
CHEMICALS	428005	33.4	33.3	33.7	$502.94	$504.70	$483.75	41.6	41.2	41.1	$12.09	$12.25	$11.77
PLASTICS & SYNTH	428205	17.3	17.4	17.9	$527.49	$537.47	$489.23	41.6	41.6	40.2	$12.68	$12.92	$12.17
PTRL/RBR/MISC PLAS	429025	17.0	17.1	16.6	$468.70	$473.04	$430.36	43.0	43.2	41.5	$10.90	$10.95	$10.37
LEATHER	431005	.5	.5	2.1	$195.43	$210.59	$178.48	40.8	41.7	38.8	$4.79	$5.05	$4.60
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	2,313.7	2,283.7	2,196.5	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
MINING	100005	15.2	15.6	15.6	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
BITMS CL & LGNT MN	112005	11.9	12.4	12.6	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
CONSTRUCTION	200005	181.0	175.3	172.2	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	144.1	143.1	139.2	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
RAILROAD TRANS	540005	9.9	9.9	10.5	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00

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TRUCKING & WAREHSN	542005	35.5	35.2	32.4	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
AIR TRANSPORTATION	545005	20.7	20.4	20.1	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
COMMUNICATION	548005	40.4	40.4	40.2	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
ELEC/GAS/SANITRY	549005	21.2	20.9	20.7	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	628.0	620.2	589.8	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	131.2	130.5	126.0	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
WHLSLE TRD - DUR	650015	81.7	81.2	78.0	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
WHLSLE TRD -NONDU	651005	49.5	49.3	48.0	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
RETAIL TRADE	652005	496.8	489.7	463.8	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
GENERAL MRCHNDSE	653005	65.7	65.4	60.4	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
DEPARTMENT STORE	653105	48.9	48.7	46.0	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
VARIETY STORES	653305	14.3	14.2	12.3	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
FOOD STORES	654005	80.3	79.9	75.2	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
AUTO DLRS & SER S	655005	56.9	56.6	56.1	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
APPAREL & ACCESSO	656005	27.8	27.5	26.2	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
FURNITURE	657005	28.7	28.6	26.3	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
EATING & DRINKING	658005	154.6	149.9	141.7	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
MISC RETAIL	659005	63.6	63.5	59.8	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	145.9	145.2	140.0	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
BANKING	760005	38.5	38.3	36.3	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
CREDIT AG EX BANKS	761005	24.1	24.0	24.0	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
BROKERS & SERV	762005	4.3	4.3	4.1	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
INS CARRIERS	763005	25.9	25.8	25.1	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
REAL ESTATE	765005	35.9	35.7	34.0	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00

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SERVICES	800005	652.8	641.2	608.6	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
HOTELS & OTHR LODG	870005	44.9	43.0	40.0	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
PERSONAL SERVICES	872005	35.8	35.1	33.5	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
BUSINESS SERVICES	873005	180.8	178.4	164.8	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
AUTO REPAIR SERVIC	875005	20.6	20.1	18.5	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
MISC REPAIR SERVC	876005	7.8	7.7	7.5	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
MOTION PICTURES	878005	3.5	3.4	3.3	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
AMUSEMENTS	879005	15.2	12.6	15.6	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
HEALTH SERVICES	880005	145.3	144.3	137.7	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
HOSPITALS	880605	72.1	71.9	69.6	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
EDUCATIONAL SERVCS	882005	31.5	31.4	31.1	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
GOVERNMENT	998008	546.7	543.1	531.1	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	170.7	170.8	167.6	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	376.0	372.3	363.5	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
STATE GOVERNMENT	998512	130.8	130.3	127.7	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	998523	245.2	242.0	235.8	$.00	$.00	$.00	.0	.0	.0	$.00	$.00	$.00

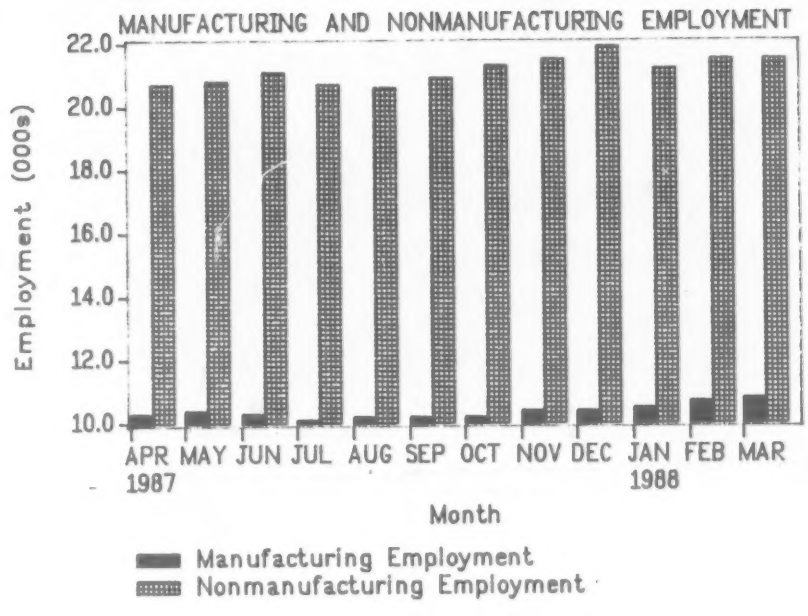
Current month's estimates are preliminary. Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Self-employed persons are excluded. Employment series have been adjusted to First Quarter 1987 benchmark levels.
NOTE: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

MONTHLY ANALYSIS

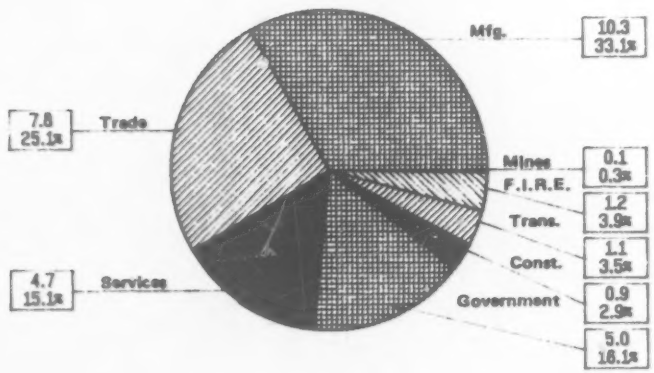
THE METROPOLITAN AREA LABOR MARKETS

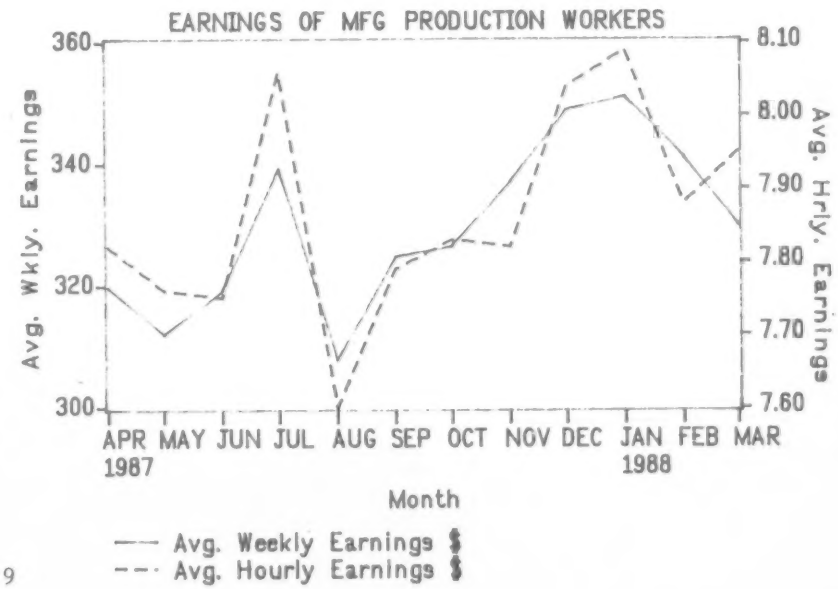
BRISTOL, VIRGINIA AREA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total nonagricultural employment increased 300 jobs this month to 32,500 jobs and was 1,800 jobs above the March 1987 figure.
- The slight increase in manufacturing employment this month primarily reflected employment gains in machinery and transportation equipment.
- This month nonmanufacturing employment advanced 200 jobs to 21,500 jobs, reflecting employment gains in government, services, trade, construction, and finance.
- Average weekly earnings declined $8.56 this month to $332.64, $2.56 below March 1987.
- Average hourly earnings were $7.92, up $.04 from February and up $.07 from March 1987.
- An average workweek of 42.0 hours was 1.3 hours shorter than February and 0.7 hour shorter than last March.
- Bristol's unemployment rate declined 1.2 percent in March to 5.6 percent.



EMPLOYMENT (000s) IN BRISTOL, VIRGINIA AREA
1987





BRISTOL AREA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	27.5	9.2	-	1.1	1.1	6.4	0.9	3.5	5.3
1981	27.1	9.4	-	0.9	1.0	6.3	0.9	3.5	5.0
1982	26.8	9.0	-	0.9	1.1	6.4	0.9	3.5	5.0
1983	26.9	8.8	0.1	0.9	1.1	6.6	0.9	3.5	5.0
1984	28.0	9.6	0.1	1.0	1.1	6.7	1.1	3.6	5.0
1985	28.8	9.3	0.1	1.2	1.1	7.5	1.0	3.8	4.9
1986	30.1	9.7	0.1	0.9	1.1	7.8	1.0	4.5	5.1
1987	31.1	10.3	0.1	0.9	1.1	7.8	1.2	4.7	5.0
1988:									
January	31.7	10.5	0.1	0.9	1.1	8.1	1.2	4.8	5.0
February	32.2	10.7	0.1	0.8	1.1	8.1	1.3	5.0	5.1
March	32.3	10.8	0.1	0.8	1.1	8.1	1.3	5.0	5.1

BLS 790 MONTHLY REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR
STATE..51 - VIRGINIA
AREA...1181 - BRISTOL MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH

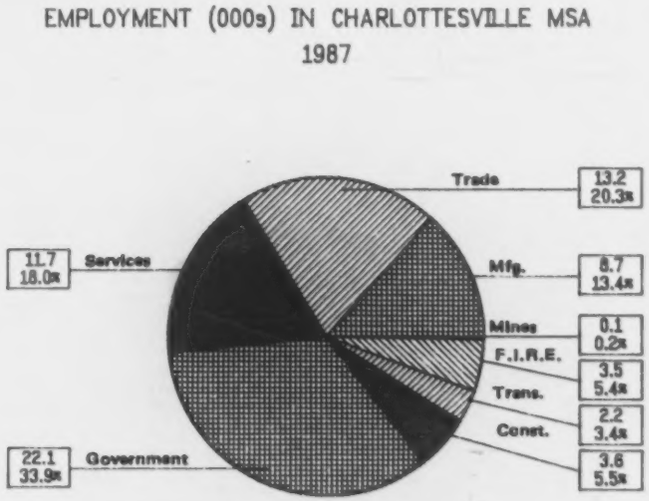
BENCHMARK DATE..1987

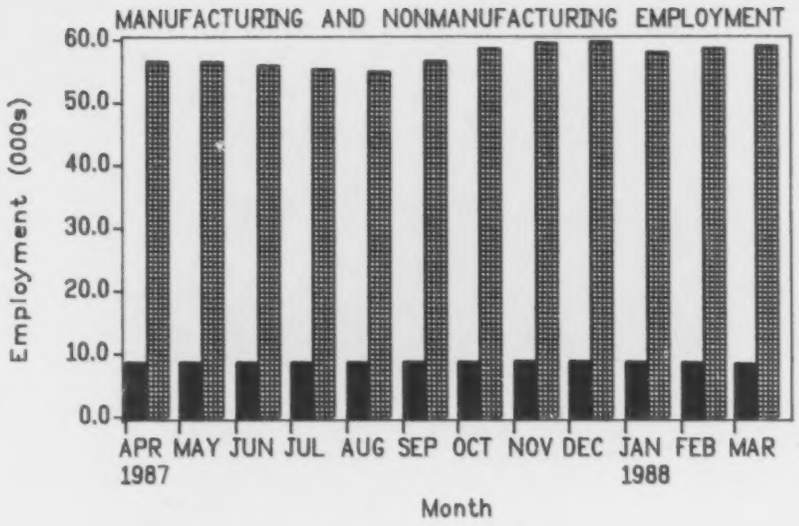
PUBLISH INDUSTR TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	32.3	32.2	30.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING	300005	10.8	10.7	10.3	$329.93	$341.20	$335.20	41.5	43.3	42.7	$7.95	$7.88	$7.85
DURABLE GOODS	300025	6.6	6.5	5.8	$368.06	$375.09	$402.22	43.2	44.6	44.2	$8.52	$8.41	$9.10
FABRICATED MTL PRO	334005	1.0	1.1	1.4	$481.56	$490.73	$491.50	39.7	41.1	44.2	$12.13	$11.94	$11.12
MACHNRY & TRANS EQ	335035	4.5	4.3	3.3	$355.20	$358.80	$383.53	44.4	46.0	44.7	$8.00	$7.80	$8.58
OTHER DURABLE GOOD	399915	1.1	1.1	1.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	4.2	4.2	4.5	$260.44	$285.10	$246.43	38.3	41.2	40.8	$6.80	$6.92	$6.04
FOOD & KINDRED PRO	420005	1.5	1.5	1.5	$248.87	$249.92	$248.45	35.3	35.5	38.4	$7.05	$7.04	$6.47
APPAREL & OTHR TEX	423005	1.6	1.6	2.0	$248.25	$313.27	$227.52	37.9	45.6	41.9	$6.55	$6.87	$5.43
PAPER/PRNTNG/PUBLS	426015	.4	.4	.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OTHER NONDURABLES	499915	.7	.7	.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	21.5	21.5	20.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MINING	100005	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	200005	.8	.8	.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	1.1	1.1	1.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	8.1	8.1	7.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	1.8	1.8	1.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	652005	6.3	6.3	5.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	1.3	1.3	1.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SERVICES	800005	5.0	5.0	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GOVERNMENT	998008	5.1	5.1	5.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	.4	.4	.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	4.7	4.7	4.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

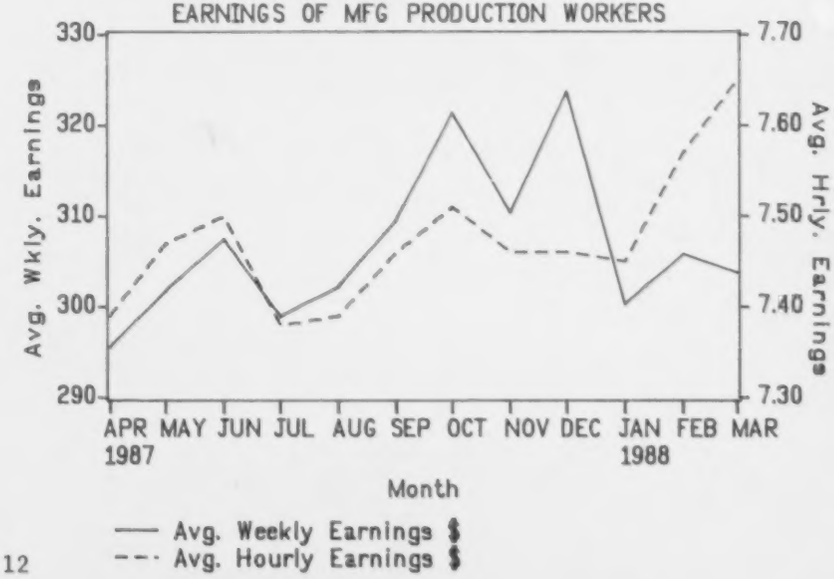
The category "Other Durable Goods" includes the lumber and wood products; furniture and fixtures; stone, clay, and glass products; primary metal; instruments and related products; and miscellaneous manufacturing industries. The category "Other Nondurable Goods" includes the tobacco manufactures; textile mill products; printing and publishing; chemicals and allied products; petroleum and coal products; rubber and miscellaneous plastics products; and leather and leather products industries.

CHARLOTTESVILLE MSA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total nonagricultural employment increased 450 jobs this month to 67,660 jobs, 3,980 jobs above March 1987.
- Manufacturing employment fell 140 jobs this month to 8,670 jobs but was 610 jobs above the year-ago figure. This month's loss largely reflected the employment decline in the electrical equipment industry.
- March's nonmanufacturing employment of 58,980 jobs was 580 jobs above the previous month and 3,370 jobs above last March's figure. Employment gains were recorded in government, construction, trade, services, and transportation.
- Factory production workers earned an average weekly wage of $303.71, which was $2.12 below last month but $10.51 above last year's figure.
- Average hourly earnings of $7.65 were $.08 above last month's figure and $.32 above the year-ago figure.
- The average workweek was 39.7 hours, which was 0.7 shorter than February and 0.3 hour shorter than March 1987.
- Charlottesville's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.9 percent, down 0.7 percent from March 1987.







CHARLOTTESVILLE MSA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	54.5	9.5	-	2.7	1.9	9.7	2.5	7.6	20.5
1981	55.1	9.7	-	2.4	1.9	9.5	2.5	8.0	21.2
1982	54.9	9.4	-	2.2	1.9	9.7	2.6	8.6	20.6
1983	57.2	10.1	0.1	2.6	1.9	10.1	2.8	9.2	20.4
1984	60.1	10.2	0.1	3.0	2.0	11.0	3.0	9.9	21.0
1985	60.7	9.3	0.1	3.4	2.1	11.4	3.0	10.2	21.3
1986	62.3	8.6	0.1	3.3	2.1	12.2	3.1	10.9	22.0
1987	65.1	8.7	0.1	3.6	2.2	13.2	3.5	11.7	22.1
1988:									
January	66.8	8.8	0.1	3.4	2.3	13.7	3.6	11.5	23.4
February	67.3	8.7	0.1	3.4	2.3	13.8	3.6	11.5	23.9
March	67.5	8.5	0.1	3.6	2.3	13.7	3.6	11.5	24.2

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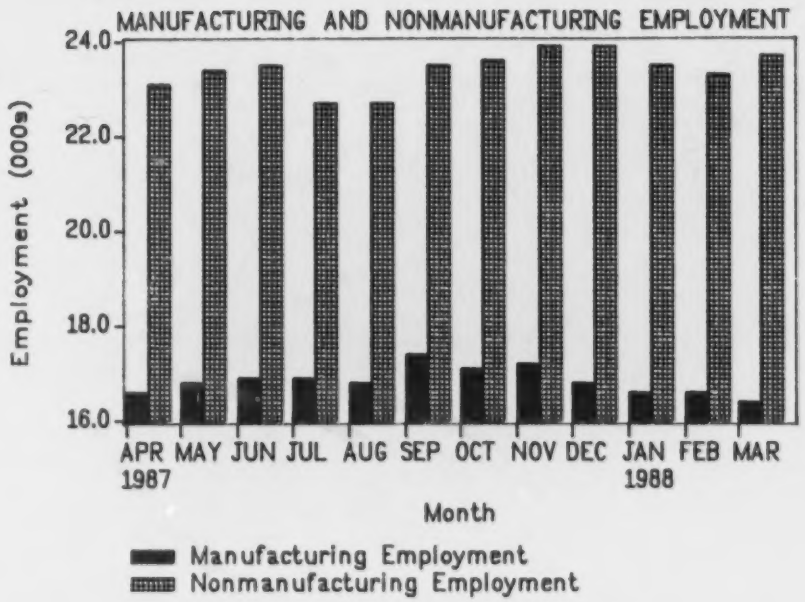
FOR
STATE..51 - VIRGINIA
AREA...1540 - CHARLOTTESVILLE MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH BENCHMARK DATE..1987

PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	67.5	67.3	63.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING	300005	8.5	8.7	8.1	$303.71	$305.83	$293.20	39.7	40.4	40.0	$7.65	$7.57	$7.33
DURABLE GOODS	300025	5.5	5.7	5.0	$308.77	$309.37	$296.32	40.1	40.6	39.3	$7.70	$7.62	$7.54
FURNITURE & FXTURE	325005	.3	.3	.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	336005	3.9	4.1	3.5	$307.09	$313.24	$292.19	38.1	39.6	36.8	$8.06	$7.91	$7.94
OTHER DURABLE GOOD	399915	1.3	1.3	1.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	3.0	3.0	3.1	$296.77	$300.35	$290.17	39.1	40.1	41.1	$7.59	$7.49	$7.06
TEXTILE MILL PROD	422005	.7	.7	.7	$291.75	$296.19	$270.55	41.5	41.6	40.2	$7.03	$7.12	$6.73
PRINTING & PUBLSHN	427005	.9	.9	1.0	$329.86	$331.58	$313.12	38.4	38.2	38.8	$8.59	$8.68	$8.07
OTHER NONDURABLES	499915	1.4	1.4	1.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	59.0	58.6	55.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MINING	100005	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	200005	3.6	3.4	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	2.3	2.3	2.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	13.7	13.8	12.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	1.7	1.8	1.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	652005	12.0	12.0	10.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	3.6	3.6	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SERVICES	800005	11.5	11.5	11.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GOVERNMENT	998008	24.2	23.9	23.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	1.3	1.3	1.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	22.9	22.6	21.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

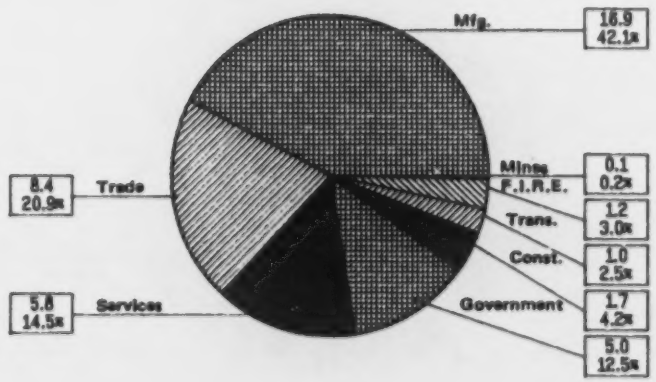
The category "Other Durable Goods" includes the lumber and wood products; stone, clay, and glass products; primary metal; fabricated metal products; machinery except electrical; transportation equipment; instruments and related products; and miscellaneous manufacturing industries. The category "Other Nondurable Goods" includes the food and kindred products; tobacco manufactures; apparel and other textile products; paper and allied products; chemicals and allied products; petroleum and coal products; rubber and plastics products; and leather and leather products industries.

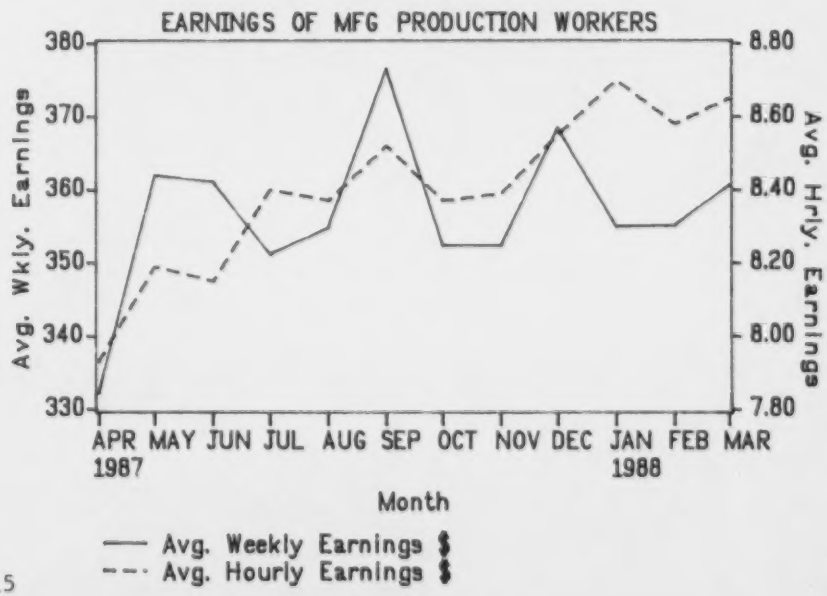
DANVILLE MSA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total nonagricultural employment declined slightly this month to 39,940 jobs, about 760 jobs above the year-ago figure.
- The decline in manufacturing employment reflected seasonal losses in the tobacco industry as tobacco processors completed the last of the 1987 crop.
- Nonmanufacturing employment advanced 170 jobs this month to 23,540 jobs. Employment gains were recorded in trade, construction, and government, while services, transportation, and finance posted employment losses.
- Factory production workers earned an average weekly wage of $360.71, $5.50 higher than February and $21.51 above March 1987.
- Average hourly earnings of $8.65 were $.07 above the previous month and $.65 above the year-ago figure.
- An average workweek of 41.7 hours was 0.3 hour longer than February but 0.7 hour shorter than last March.
- Danville's unemployment rate dropped 0.6 percent this month to 6.7 percent.



EMPLOYMENT (000s) IN DANVILLE MSA
1987





DANVILLE MSA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	40.5	19.4	-	1.4	0.9	7.3	1.2	5.1	5.2
1981	40.1	19.3	-	1.3	0.9	7.3	1.2	5.1	5.0
1982	38.8	18.5	-	1.2	0.9	7.1	1.1	5.0	5.0
1983	39.2	18.5	0.1	1.4	1.0	7.2	1.1	5.1	5.0
1984	39.7	18.2	0.1	1.4	0.9	7.8	1.0	5.2	5.0
1985	38.9	16.9	0.1	1.4	0.9	8.2	1.1	5.3	5.0
1986	38.9	16.5	0.1	1.4	1.0	8.1	1.2	5.8	4.9
1987	40.1	16.9	0.1	1.7	1.0	8.4	1.2	5.8	5.0
1988:									
January	40.1	16.6	0.1	1.6	1.0	8.6	1.2	5.7	5.3
February	39.9	16.6	0.1	1.6	1.0	8.4	1.2	5.7	5.3
March	40.1	16.4	0.1	1.7	1.0	8.7	1.2	5.7	5.3

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FOR
STATE..51 - VIRGINIA
AREA...1950 - DANVILLE MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH

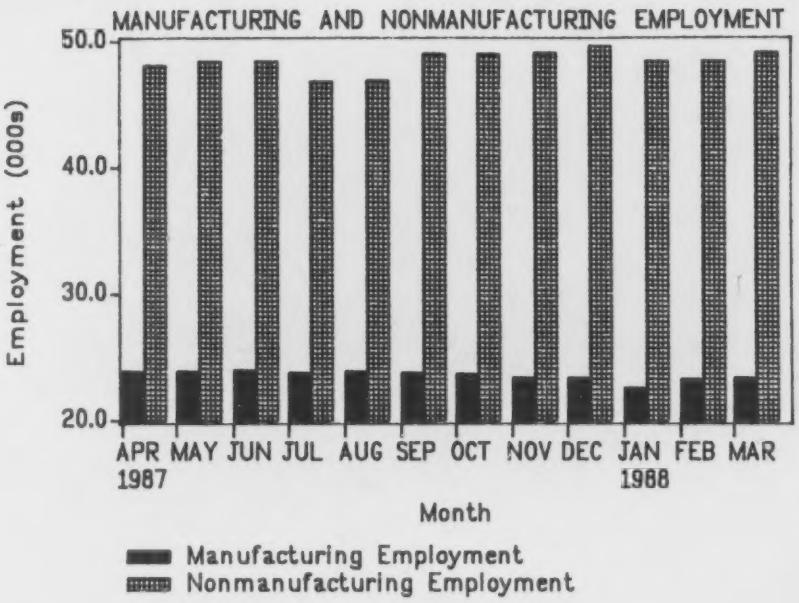
BENCHMARK DATE..1987

PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	40.1	39.9	39.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING	300005	16.4	16.6	16.8	$360.71	$355.21	$339.20	41.7	41.4	42.4	$8.65	$8.58	$8.00
DURABLE GOODS	300025	3.3	3.2	3.2	$300.31	$301.39	$315.00	38.7	39.5	42.0	$7.76	$7.63	$7.50
LUMBER & WOOD PROD	324005	1.1	1.1	1.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FABRICATED MTL PRO	334005	.5	.4	.4	$291.49	$291.49	$272.38	48.1	48.1	44.8	$6.06	$6.06	$6.08
MACHINERY EX ELEC	335005	.2	.2	.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OTHER DURABLE GOOD	399915	1.5	1.5	1.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	13.1	13.4	13.6	$377.86	$369.14	$345.91	42.6	41.9	42.6	$8.87	$8.81	$8.12
TOBACCO	421005	.6	1.0	.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TEXT/APPAREL/LEATH	422055	9.5	9.4	9.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
APPAREL & OTHR TEX	423005	.9	.8	1.0	$242.90	$223.94	$221.29	32.3	29.7	32.4	$7.52	$7.54	$6.83
OTHER NONDURABLES	499915	3.0	3.0	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	23.7	23.3	22.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MINING	100005	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	200005	1.7	1.6	1.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	1.0	1.0	1.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	8.7	8.4	8.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	1.4	1.3	1.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	652005	7.3	7.1	6.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	1.2	1.2	1.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SERVICES	800005	5.7	5.7	5.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GOVERNMENT	998008	5.3	5.3	5.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	.3	.3	.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	5.0	5.0	4.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

The category "Other Nondurable Goods" includes the food and kindred products; paper and allied products; printing and publishing; chemicals and allied products; petroleum and coal products; and rubber and plastics products industries.

LYNCHBURG MSA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total nonagricultural employment advanced 970 jobs this month to 72,550 jobs, 1,390 jobs above March 1987.
- The manufacturing sector posted gains of 170 jobs this month bringing employment to 23,440 jobs, 360 jobs below the year-ago figure.
- Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector increased 800 jobs this month to 49,110 jobs, with employment gains occurring in all one-digit industries.
- This month factory production workers earned an average weekly wage of $352.51, which was $13.41 above February but $13.28 below last March.
- Average hourly earnings were $8.64, $.12 above February but $.09 below March 1987.
- An average workweek of 40.8 hours was 1 hour longer than last month but 1.1 hours shorter than last March.
- Lynchburg's unemployment rate fell 0.4 percent to 4.8 percent.



EMPLOYMENT (000s) IN LYNCHBURG MSA
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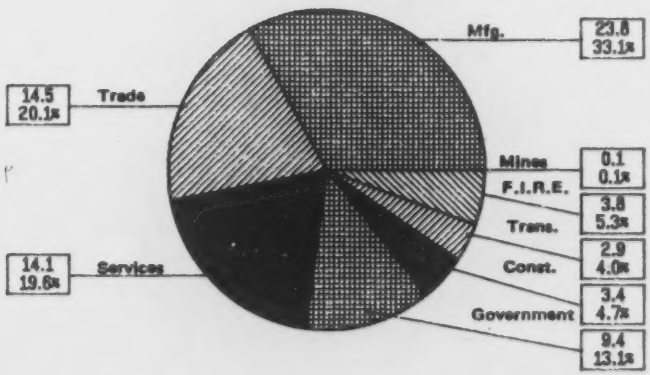

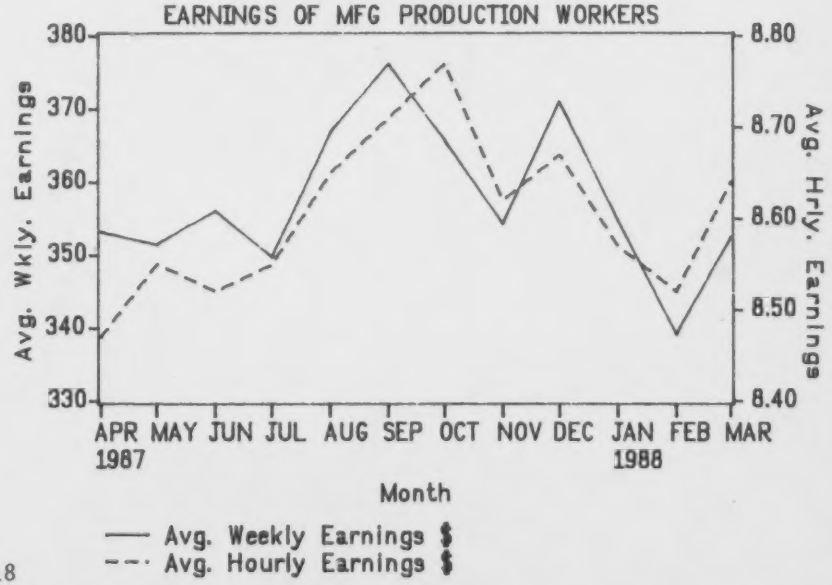

LYNCHBURG MSA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilites	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	67.2	27.2	-	2.8	2.5	11.6	3.2	10.4	9.5
1981	67.5	26.8	-	2.4	2.6	11.7	3.3	11.5	9.2
1982	66.1	25.2	-	2.3	2.7	11.6	3.1	12.0	9.2
1983	66.0	25.1	0.1	2.3	2.8	11.9	3.1	12.0	8.7
1984	68.9	26.1	0.1	2.6	3.0	12.6	3.2	12.4	9.0
1985	69.7	25.0	0.1	2.7	2.9	13.3	3.4	13.1	9.3
1986	70.4	24.0	0.1	3.1	2.9	13.5	3.3	13.9	9.5
1987	71.8	23.8	0.1	3.4	2.9	14.5	3.8	14.1	9.4
1988:									
January	71.0	22.6	0.1	3.2	2.8	14.5	3.9	14.2	9.7
February	71.7	23.3	0.1	3.2	2.8	14.6	3.9	14.1	9.7
March	72.5	23.4	0.1	3.2	2.8	14.9	3.9	14.2	10.0

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FOR
STATE..51 - VIRGINIA
AREA...4640 - LYNCHBURG MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH

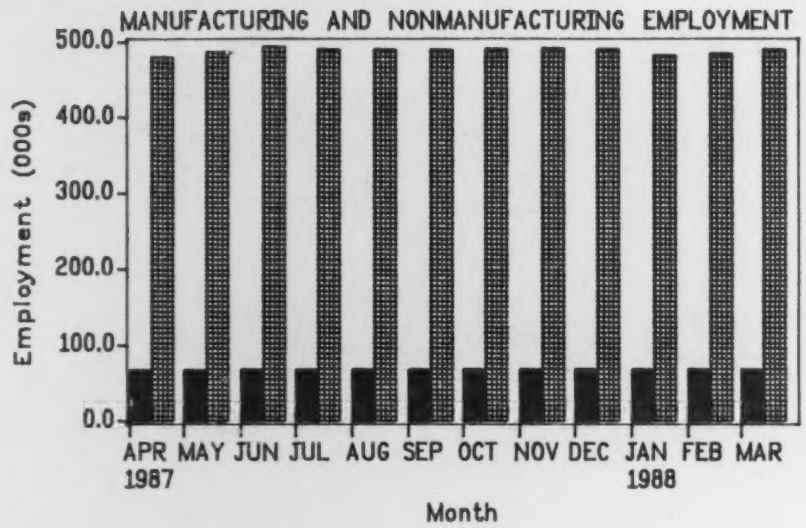
BENCHMARK DATE..1987

PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	72.5	71.7	71.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING	300005	23.4	23.3	23.8	$352.51	$339.10	$365.79	40.8	39.8	41.9	$8.64	$8.52	$8.73
DURABLE GOODS	300025	15.5	15.5	15.4	$357.37	$340.49	$384.54	41.7	40.2	43.5	$8.57	$8.47	$8.84
LMBR & WD/FRN & FI	324015	3.3	3.3	3.1	$219.70	$211.58	$222.71	37.3	35.8	38.8	$5.89	$5.91	$5.74
OTHER DURABLE GOOD	399915	12.2	12.2	12.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	7.9	7.8	8.4	$343.78	$337.90	$331.43	39.2	39.2	38.9	$8.77	$8.62	$8.52
FOOD & KINDRED PRO	420005	1.5	1.5	1.5	$305.34	$313.61	$341.09	36.7	39.9	40.8	$8.32	$7.86	$8.36
TEXTILES & APPAREL	422015	2.7	2.7	2.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OTHER NONDURABLES	499915	3.7	3.6	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	49.1	48.4	47.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MINING	100005	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	200005	3.2	3.2	3.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	2.8	2.8	2.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	14.9	14.6	14.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	3.0	3.0	2.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	652005	11.9	11.6	11.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	3.9	3.9	3.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SERVICES	800005	14.2	14.1	14.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GOVERNMENT	998008	10.0	9.7	9.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	.5	.5	.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	9.5	9.2	8.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

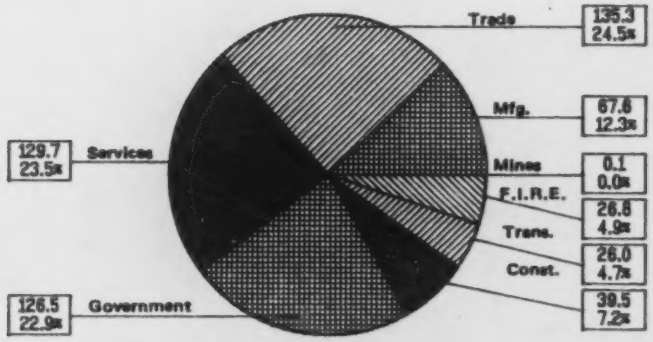
The category "Other Nondurable Goods" includes the tobacco manufactures; paper and allied products; printing and publishing; chemicals and allied products; petroleum and coal products; rubber and plastics products; and leather and leather products industries.

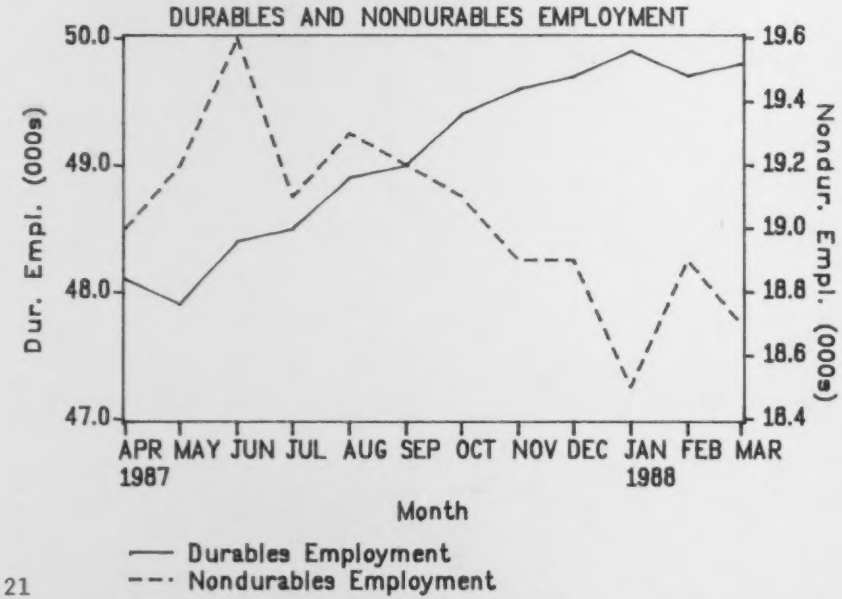
NORFOLK-NEWPORT NEWS MSA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total nonagricultural employment increased 5,400 jobs this month to 558,000 jobs and was 18,500 above last March's level.
- This month's manufacturing employment declined slightly to 68,400 jobs, 1,500 jobs above the year-ago figure.
- Nonmanufacturing employment advanced 5,500 jobs this month to 489,600 jobs and was 17,000 jobs above March 1987. Employment gains were recorded in services, trade, construction, government, transportation, and finance. Mining posted a slight employment loss this month.
- Norfolk's unemployment rate continued to decline this month, falling 0.3 percent to 4.1 percent.



EMPLOYMENT (000s) IN NORFOLK-NEWPORT NEWS MSA
1987





NORFOLK-NEWPORT NEWS MSA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	435.4	63.4	-	24.7	24.0	96.9	20.0	85.8	120.5
1981	459.9	64.6	-	23.2	24.6	100.1	19.8	89.2	118.4
1982	441.0	62.9	-	22.5	24.7	101.4	19.6	92.8	117.2
1983	458.7	64.3	0.1	25.9	24.4	106.8	20.1	98.1	118.9
1984	484.5	67.3	0.1	30.4	25.1	115.7	21.3	104.5	120.1
1985	510.8	68.1	0.1	33.8	25.2	124.3	22.8	114.1	122.3
1986	531.5	68.8	0.1	37.7	25.8	130.0	24.4	120.0	124.8
1987	551.5	67.6	0.1	39.5	26.0	135.3	26.8	129.7	126.5
1988:									
January	550.2	68.4	0.1	37.3	25.4	134.6	26.9	130.2	127.3
February	552.7	68.6	0.1	36.9	25.3	134.4	27.0	132.3	128.1
March	558.1	68.5	0.1	37.8	25.5	135.8	27.0	134.7	128.7

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FOR
STATE..51 - VIRGINIA
AREA...5720 - NORFOLK - VIRGINIA BEACH - NEWPORT NEWS MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH BENCHMARK DATE..1987

PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	558.1	552.7	539.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING	300005	68.5	68.6	66.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
DURABLE GOODS	300025	49.8	49.7	48.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
LMBR & WD/FRN & FI	324015	2.9	2.9	2.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PMRY MTL/FAB MTL	333015	2.7	2.6	2.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MACHINERY EX ELEC	335005	2.2	2.2	2.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	336005	2.1	2.1	1.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRANSPORTATN EQUIP	337005	35.5	35.6	34.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OTHER DURABLE GOOD	399915	4.4	4.3	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	18.7	18.9	18.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FOOD & KINDRED PRO	420005	6.6	6.7	7.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PRINTING & PUBLSHN	427005	4.5	4.6	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CHEMICALS	428005	2.3	2.3	2.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OTHER NONDURABLES	499915	5.3	5.3	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	489.6	484.1	472.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MINING	100005	.1	.1	.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	200005	37.8	36.9	38.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	25.5	25.3	25.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RAILROAD TRANS	540005	1.5	1.5	1.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	135.8	134.4	130.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	23.6	23.6	22.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	652005	112.2	110.8	107.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	27.0	27.0	25.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
BANKING	760005	6.7	6.7	6.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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FOR
STATE..51 - VIRGINIA
AREA...5720 - NORFOLK - VIRGINIA BEACH - NEWPORT NEWS MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH BENCHMARK DATE..1987

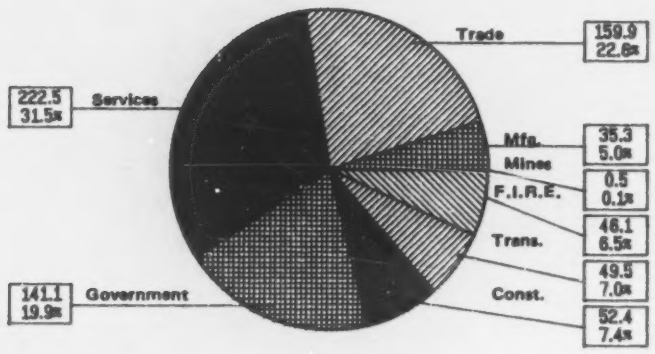
PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
INS CARRIERS, AGEN	763045	4.4	4.4	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SERVICES	800005	134.7	132.3	124.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PERSONAL SERVICES	872005	9.2	9.1	8.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GOVERNMENT	998008	128.7	128.1	127.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	55.1	55.1	55.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	73.6	73.0	72.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

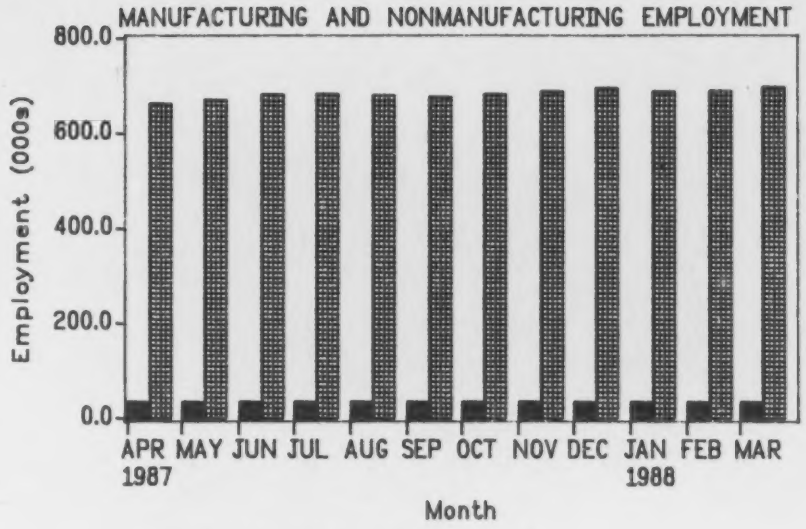
The category "Other Durable Goods" includes the stone, clay, and glass products; instruments and related products; and miscellaneous manufacturing industries. The category "Other Nondurable Goods" includes the tobacco manufactures; textile mill products; apparel and other textile products; paper and allied products; petroleum and coal products; rubber and plastics products; and leather and leather products industries.

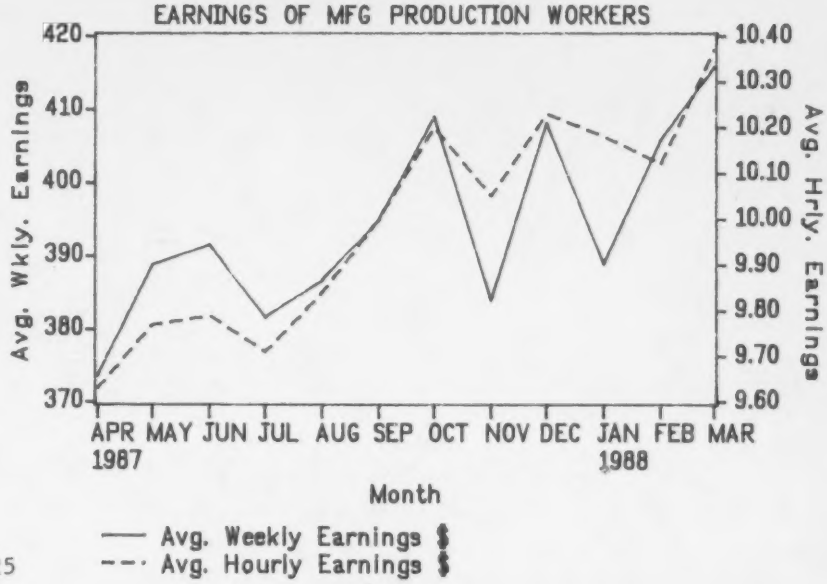
NORTHERN VIRGINIA AREA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- o March's total nonagricultural employment level of 733,300 jobs was 8,100 jobs above February and 42,800 above last March.
- o This month manufacturing employment experienced a small decline to 35,300 jobs but was slightly higher than the year-ago figure.
- o Nonmanufacturing employment advanced a healthy 8,100 jobs this month to 698,000 jobs. Employment gains were recorded in all one-digit industries in the nonmanufacturing sector.
- o Factory production workers earned an average weekly wage of $415.84, up $10.03 from last month and up $33.05 from last year.
- o Average hourly earnings rose $.25 to $10.37, $.58 above last March.
- o The average workweek remained unchanged this month at 40.1 hours but was 1 hour longer than March 1987.
- o Northern Virginia, with an unemployment rate of 1.7 percent, continued to have the lowest unemployment rate among Virginia's metropolitan areas. Among the individual cities and counties, Manassas Park City at 1.3 percent had the lowest unemployment rate.

EMPLOYMENT (000s) IN NORTHERN, VIRGINIA AREA
1987







NORTHERN VIRGINIA AREA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	461.6	19.2	0.4	31.1	32.1	107.1	28.7	122.5	120.5
1981	476.0	20.8	0.4	29.1	33.2	113.0	28.7	128.8	121.9
1982	486.5	22.5	0.5	24.4	34.2	112.8	29.4	138.5	124.2
1983	516.0	25.1	0.5	29.1	35.1	119.7	30.9	150.0	125.6
1984	567.2	28.6	0.5	36.2	39.2	130.3	34.5	166.7	131.2
1985	614.2	31.8	0.6	42.5	42.4	141.7	36.5	184.1	139.6
1986	658.8	34.6	0.5	48.0	45.7	153.5	40.5	200.0	136.1
1987	707.3	35.3	0.5	52.4	49.5	159.9	46.1	222.5	141.1
1988:									
January	723.2	35.1	0.5	51.8	50.3	165.5	47.2	229.0	143.8
February	725.0	35.3	0.5	51.5	50.5	165.2	47.8	231.2	143.0
March	733.5	35.4	0.5	53.3	51.3	166.6	48.2	234.2	144.0

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FOR
STATE..51 - VIRGINIA
AREA...5751 - NORTHERN VIRGINIA MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH

BENCHMARK DATE..1987

PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	733.5	725.0	690.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING	300005	35.4	35.3	35.2	$415.84	$405.81	$382.79	40.1	40.1	39.1	$10.37	$10.12	$9.79
DURABLE GOODS	300025	20.6	20.5	21.0	$438.60	$421.10	$401.85	43.0	41.9	41.3	$10.20	$10.05	$9.73
FABRICATED MTL PRO	334005	1.1	1.1	1.1	$374.80	$362.58	$344.70	40.0	39.8	38.3	$9.37	$9.11	$9.00
MACHINERY EX ELEC	335005	2.4	2.2	2.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	336005	12.2	12.4	13.3	$434.51	$433.47	$443.10	41.5	41.8	42.2	$10.47	$10.37	$10.50
OTHER DURABLE GOOD	399915	4.9	4.8	4.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	14.8	14.8	14.2	$392.83	$391.04	$359.89	37.2	38.3	36.5	$10.56	$10.21	$9.86
PRINTING & PUBLSHN	427005	10.0	10.1	9.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OTHER NONDURABLES	499915	4.8	4.7	4.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	698.1	689.7	655.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MINING	100005	.5	.5	.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	200005	53.3	51.5	48.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	51.3	50.5	48.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ELEC/GAS/SANITRY	549005	4.2	4.2	4.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	166.6	165.2	156.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	31.7	31.8	29.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	652005	134.9	133.4	127.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GENERAL MRCHNDSE	653005	15.4	15.8	14.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
AUTO DLRS & SER S	655005	16.7	16.7	16.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
APPAREL & ACCESSO	656005	10.7	10.5	9.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	48.2	47.8	44.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
BANKING	760005	8.1	8.0	7.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SERVICES	800005	234.2	231.2	216.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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FOR
STATE..51 - VIRGINIA
AREA...5751 - NORTHERN VIRGINIA MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH BENCHMARK DATE..1987

PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
BUSINESS SERVICES	873005	100.6	99.9	92.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GOVERNMENT	998008	144.0	143.0	139.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	72.8	73.0	73.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	71.2	70.0	65.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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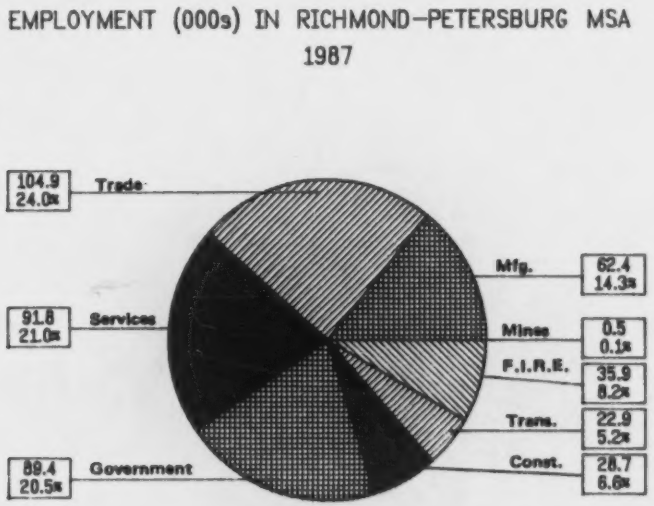
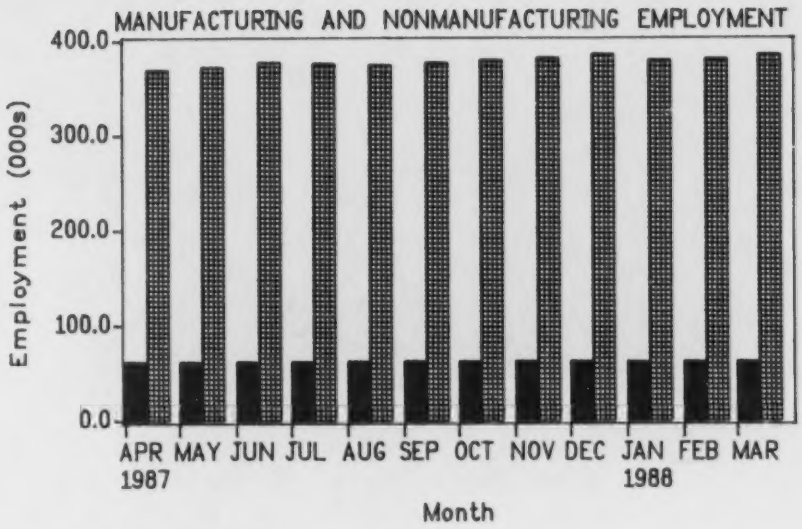
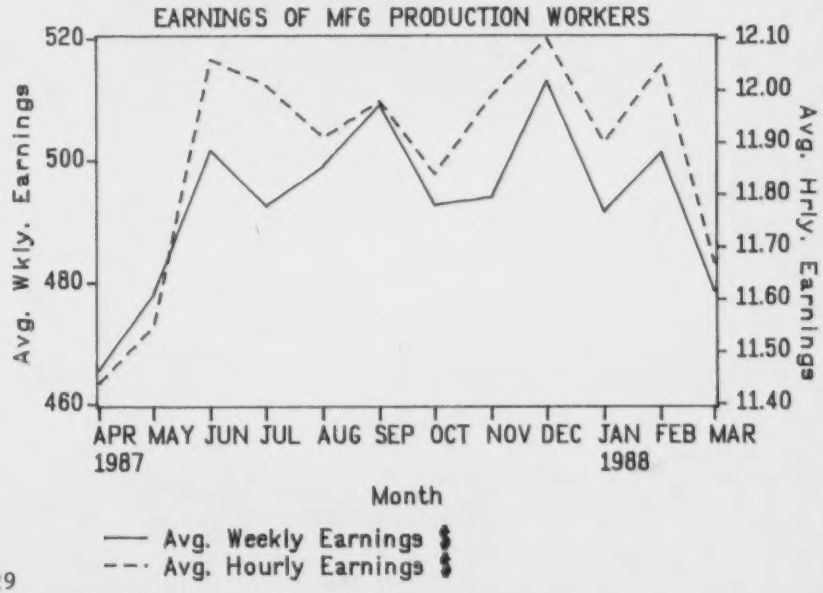
RICHMOND-PETERSBURG MSA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total nonagricultural employment increased 4,400 jobs in March to 447,700 jobs and was 16,400 jobs above last March's level.
- This month's manufacturing employment level of 62,700 jobs was slightly greater than both last month's and last year's figure.
- Nonmanufacturing employment advanced 4,100 jobs this month to 385,000 jobs. Employment gains were recorded in services, government, trade, construction, transportation, and mining, while employment in finance, insurance, and real estate declined.
- Average weekly earnings of $478.47 were $22.81 below February but $17.98 above last March.
- Average hourly earnings declined $.38 to $11.67, $.30 above last year.
- The average workweek was 41.0 hours, which was 0.6 hour shorter than February but 0.5 hour longer than March 1987.
- Richmond's unemployment rate continued to decline this month, falling 0.2 percent to 3.2 percent.







RICHMOND-PETERSBURG MSA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	373.9	67.2	0.4	22.2	21.0	84.4	27.7	64.4	86.6
1981	374.1	67.1	0.4	19.5	21.2	85.6	27.9	66.6	85.8
1982	369.5	64.2	0.3	17.7	21.2	85.7	28.2	67.3	84.9
1983	373.5	62.5	0.3	18.0	20.8	89.0	28.5	68.4	86.0
1984	385.3	63.8	0.3	20.7	21.6	92.2	29.7	72.2	84.9
1985	402.8	64.0	0.3	23.4	21.8	96.9	31.6	78.3	86.5
1986	416.9	62.4	0.4	25.9	22.0	104.4	33.7	84.1	87.1
1987	436.5	62.4	0.5	28.7	22.9	104.9	35.9	91.8	89.4
1988:									
January	442.0	62.4	0.5	28.2	23.2	108.1	36.0	92.8	90.8
February	443.4	62.5	0.5	28.4	23.2	107.0	36.1	93.8	91.9
March	447.7	62.7	0.5	29.2	23.4	107.9	35.6	95.5	92.9

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FOR
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AREA...6760 - RICHMOND - PETERSBURG MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH BENCHMARK DATE..1987

PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	447.7	443.4	431.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING	300005	62.7	62.5	62.2	$478.47	$501.28	$460.49	41.0	41.6	40.5	$11.67	$12.05	$11.37
DURABLE GOODS	300025	18.8	18.7	18.4	$390.64	$404.49	$365.62	42.6	43.4	41.5	$9.17	$9.32	$8.81
LMBR & WD/FRN & FI	324015	3.4	3.4	3.3	$233.96	$227.71	$231.90	38.8	38.4	40.4	$6.03	$5.93	$5.74
MACHINERY EX ELEC	335005	2.8	2.8	2.6	$441.67	$457.53	$442.43	43.6	44.9	42.5	$10.13	$10.19	$10.41
OTHER DURABLE GOOD	399915	12.6	12.5	12.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	43.9	43.8	43.8	$513.08	$538.24	$496.84	40.4	40.9	40.1	$12.70	$13.16	$12.39
FOOD & KINDRED PRO	420005	4.2	4.2	4.1	$355.02	$359.99	$382.05	38.8	39.3	41.8	$9.15	$9.16	$9.14
TOBACCO	421005	11.9	11.9	12.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
APPAREL & OTHR TEX	423005	2.1	2.0	2.3	$225.98	$252.55	$197.29	37.6	39.4	36.4	$6.01	$6.41	$5.42
PAPER & ALLIED PRO	426005	4.9	5.0	5.1	$520.98	$511.66	$463.52	45.7	45.4	42.8	$11.40	$11.27	$10.83
PRINTING & PUBLSHN	427005	7.4	7.4	7.2	$506.62	$473.21	$450.80	41.8	39.5	40.0	$12.12	$11.98	$11.27
CHEMICALS	428005	11.0	10.9	10.7	$634.73	$638.98	$571.44	42.4	41.9	41.2	$14.97	$15.25	$13.87
OTHER NONDURABLES	499915	2.4	2.4	2.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	385.0	380.9	369.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MINING	100005	.5	.5	.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	200005	29.2	28.4	26.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	23.4	23.2	22.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	107.9	107.0	103.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	26.4	26.2	25.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	652005	81.5	80.8	78.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GENERAL MRCHNDSE	653005	13.3	13.5	13.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FOOD STORES	654005	13.8	13.5	12.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
AUTO DLRS & SER S	655005	9.2	9.1	8.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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FOR
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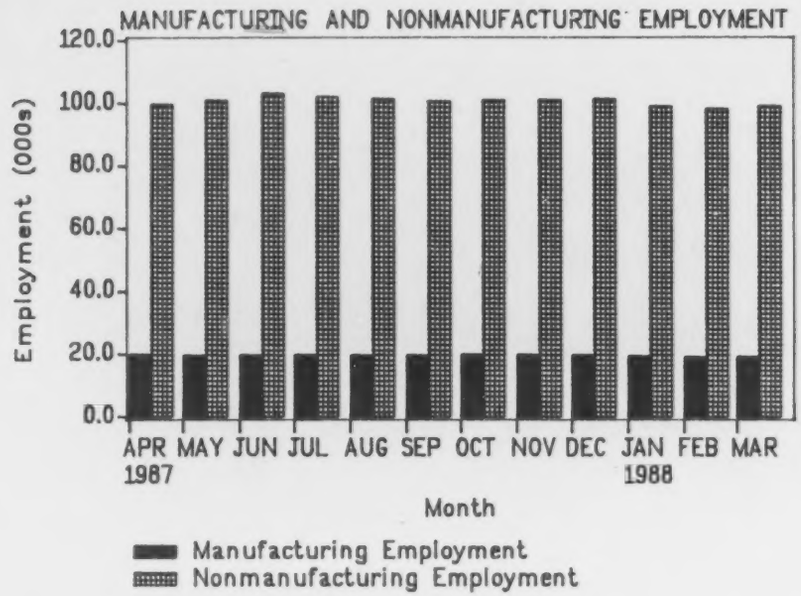
AREA...6760 - RICHMOND - PETERSBURG MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH BENCHMARK DATE..1987

PUBLISH INDUSTRY TITLE	SERIES CODE	ALL EMPLOYEES CURRENT MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES PREVIOUS MONTH	ALL EMPLOYEES CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	PRODUCTION WORKERS AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREV. MONTH	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURR. MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURR.MO. YEAR AGO	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREV. MO.	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURR MO YR. AGO
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	35.6	36.1	35.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
INS CARRIERS, AGEN	763045	13.1	13.2	13.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SERVICES	800005	95.5	93.8	89.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
HEALTH SERVICES	880005	22.0	21.8	21.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GOVERNMENT	998008	92.9	91.9	90.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	16.8	16.7	16.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	76.1	75.2	73.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

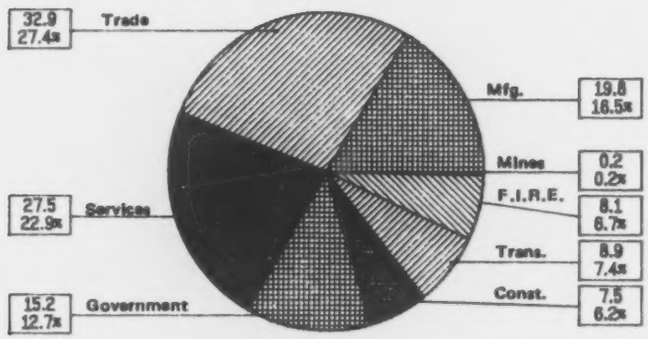
The category "Other Durable Goods" includes the stone, clay, and glass products; primary metal; fabricated metal products; electric and electronic equipment; transportation equipment; instruments and related products; and miscellaneous manufacturing industries.

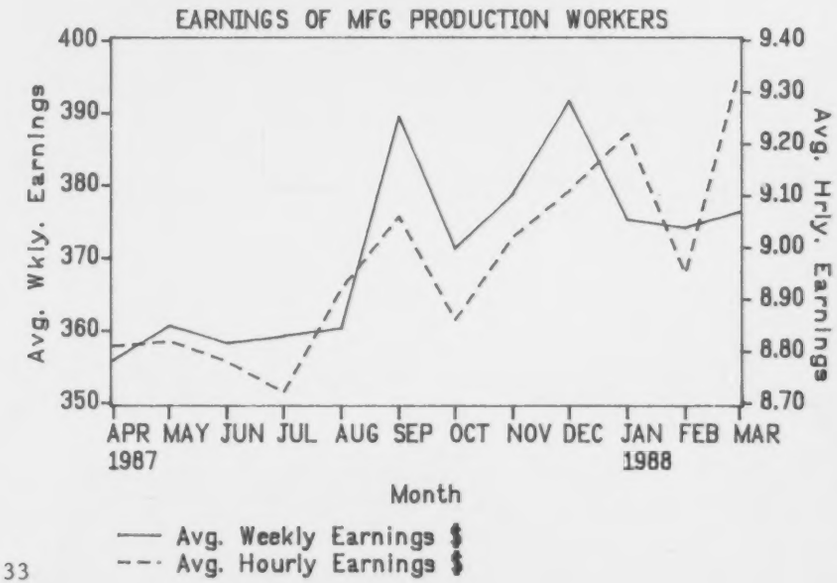
ROANOKE MSA - MARCH 1988 HIGHLIGHTS

- Total nonagricultural employment increased this month to 118,200 jobs, which was slightly (+100 jobs) greater than the March 1987 figure.
- Manufacturing employment declined slightly this month to 19,200 jobs and was 900 jobs below the year-ago figure.
- Nonmanufacturing employment advanced this month to 99,000 jobs. Employment gains were posted in construction (+366), services (+302), government (+97), finance (+88), trade (+24), and mining (+3). Transportation and public utilities posted an employment loss (-16).
- Factory production workers earned an average weekly wage of $376.40, which was $2.29 above February and $9.49 above last March.
- Average hourly earnings of $9.34 were up $.39 from the previous month and up $.52 from last year.
- The average workweek fell 1.5 hours to 40.3 hours, 1.3 hours below March 1987.
- Roanoke's unemployment rate continued to decline this month, falling 0.1 percent to 3.9 percent.



EMPLOYMENT (000s) IN ROANOKE MSA
1987





ROANOKE MSA
EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS
BY INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
ANNUAL AVERAGES 1980-1987
MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

Year/Month	Total	Manufacturing	Mining	Construction	Transportation and Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	Services	Government
1980	104.4	21.2	0.1	5.5	10.1	25.4	6.3	20.2	15.6
1981	102.8	21.0	0.2	4.9	9.6	24.9	6.1	20.9	15.2
1982	100.8	19.6	0.1	4.6	9.3	25.0	6.1	21.4	14.7
1983	101.7	19.4	0.1	5.2	8.2	25.7	6.2	22.4	14.5
1984	107.1	20.6	0.1	5.6	8.5	27.3	6.5	24.1	14.4
1985	113.5	20.9	0.1	6.5	9.2	29.4	7.0	25.4	15.0
1986	117.4	20.6	0.1	6.9	9.1	31.4	7.6	26.5	15.2
1987	120.1	19.8	0.2	7.5	8.9	32.9	8.1	27.5	15.2
1988:									
January	118.5	19.5	0.2	6.9	8.7	32.2	8.2	27.3	15.5
February	117.4	19.2	0.2	6.9	8.6	31.7	8.3	27.3	15.2
March	118.4	19.3	0.2	7.3	8.5	31.8	8.4	27.6	15.3

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FOR
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AREA...6800 - ROANOKE MSA
YEAR..1988 MONTH...MARCH

BENCHMARK DATE..1987

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	000000	118.4	117.4	118.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MANUFACTURING	300005	19.3	19.2	20.0	$376.40	$374.11	$366.91	40.3	41.8	41.6	$9.34	$8.95	$8.82
DURABLE GOODS	300025	11.5	11.6	11.9	$410.18	$386.57	$391.68	42.2	41.3	42.9	$9.72	$9.36	$9.13
FURNITURE & FXTURE	325005	1.7	1.7	1.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FABRICATED MTL PRO	334005	1.4	1.4	1.6	$313.62	$300.89	$306.06	39.4	37.8	40.7	$7.96	$7.96	$7.52
MACHINERY EX ELEC	335005	1.6	1.6	1.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OTHER DURABLE GOOD	399915	6.8	6.9	7.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONDURABLE GOODS	400015	7.8	7.6	8.1	$326.13	$355.30	$331.93	37.4	42.5	39.8	$8.72	$8.36	$8.34
TEXTILE MILL PROD	422005	1.3	1.3	1.4	$234.36	$278.23	$287.89	31.5	37.7	39.6	$7.44	$7.38	$7.27
PRINTING & PUBLSHN	427005	1.1	1.0	1.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OTHER NONDURABLES	499915	5.4	5.3	5.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NONMANUFACTURING	000060	99.1	98.2	98.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MINING	100005	.2	.2	.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	200005	7.3	6.9	6.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TRNSPORTATN & PUB U	500005	8.5	8.6	8.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHLSALE & RETAIL TR	600005	31.8	31.7	31.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	650005	9.1	8.9	8.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	652005	22.7	22.8	23.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FINAN/INS/REAL EST	700005	8.4	8.3	8.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SERVICES	800005	27.6	27.3	27.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GOVERNMENT	998008	15.3	15.2	15.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	998011	3.4	3.4	3.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
STATE & LOCAL GOVT	998509	11.9	11.8	11.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
U.S. CITY AVERAGE

ALL ITEMS -- (1982-84 = 100)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Percent Change From 12 Months Ago 1/
1980	77.8	78.9	80.1	81.0	81.8	82.7	82.7	83.3	84.0	84.8	85.5	86.3	--
1981	87.0	87.9	88.5	89.1	89.8	90.6	91.6	92.3	93.2	93.4	93.7	94.0	8.9%
1982	94.3	94.6	94.5	94.9	95.8	97.0	97.5	97.7	97.9	98.2	98.0	97.6	3.8
1983	97.8	97.9	97.9	98.6	99.2	99.5	99.9	100.2	100.7	101.0	101.2	101.3	3.8
1984	101.9	102.4	102.6	103.1	103.4	103.7	104.1	104.5	105.0	105.3	105.3	105.3	3.9
1985	105.5	106.0	106.4	106.9	107.3	107.6	107.8	108.0	108.3	108.7	109.0	109.3	3.8
1986	109.6	109.3	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.5	109.5	109.7	110.2	110.3	110.4	110.5	1.1
1987	111.2	111.6	112.1	112.7	113.1	113.5	113.8	114.4	115.0	115.3	115.4	115.4	4.4
1988	115.7	116.0	116.5										

URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS
U. S. CITY AVERAGE

ALL ITEMS -- (1982-84 = 100)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Percent Change From 12 Months Ago 1/
1980	78.3	79.4	80.5	81.4	82.3	83.2	83.3	83.8	84.6	85.3	86.1	86.9	--
1981	87.5	88.5	89.0	89.6	90.3	91.1	92.2	92.8	93.7	93.0	94.1	94.4	8.6%
1982	94.7	95.0	94.8	95.2	96.2	97.4	98.0	98.2	98.3	98.6	98.4	98.0	3.8
1983	98.1	98.1	98.4	99.0	99.5	99.8	100.1	100.5	101.0	101.2	101.2	101.2	3.3
1984	101.6	101.8	101.8	102.1	102.5	102.8	103.2	104.2	104.8	104.8	104.7	104.8	3.6
1985	104.9	105.4	105.9	106.3	106.7	107.0	107.1	107.3	107.6	107.9	108.3	108.6	3.6
1986	108.9	108.5	107.9	107.6	107.9	108.4	108.4	108.6	109.1	109.1	109.2	109.3	0.6
1987	110.0	110.5	111.0	111.6	111.9	112.4	112.7	113.3	113.8	114.1	114.3	114.2	4.5
1988	114.5	114.7	115.1										

1/ Annual Percent Change in the CPI represents a December to December Annual Change.

Beginning with the release of data for January 1988, on February 26, the standard reference base period for the Consumer Price Indexes (CPIs) is 1982-84. The rebasing by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U. S. Department of Labor, after review by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, Office of Management and Budget, is in keeping with the Government's long-standing policy that index bases should be updated periodically. BLS chose the 1982-84 period to coincide with the time period of the updated CPIs expenditure weights, which are based upon the Consumer Expenditure Surveys for 1982, 1983, and 1984.

ESTIMATED LABOR FORCE COMPONENTS

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AREA	PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBER	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
UNITED STATES					
	MAR88	119,957,000	112,867,000	7,090,000	5.9
	FEB88	119,942,000	112,460,000	7,482,000	6.2
	MAR87	118,353,000	110,229,000	8,124,000	6.9
VIRGINIA					
	MAR88	3,038,372	2,924,014	114,358	3.8
	FEB88	3,007,680	2,884,224	123,456	4.1
	MAR87	2,951,168	2,815,235	135,933	4.6
VA PORTION OF JOHNSON CITY MSA					
	MAR88	43,156	40,721	2,435	5.6
	FEB88	43,376	40,439	2,937	6.8
	MAR87	41,689	39,010	2,679	6.4
CHARLOTTESVILLE MSA					
	MAR88	68,594	66,633	1,961	2.9
	FEB88	67,649	65,677	1,972	2.9
	MAR87	64,472	62,147	2,325	3.6
DANVILLE MSA					
	MAR88	50,591	47,211	3,380	6.7
	FEB88	50,515	46,834	3,681	7.3
	MAR87	50,290	46,341	3,949	7.9
LYNCHBURG MSA					
	MAR88	71,824	68,343	3,481	4.8
	FEB88	70,597	66,943	3,654	5.2
	MAR87	71,672	67,410	4,262	5.9
NORFOLK-VIRGINIA BEACH-NEWPORT NEWS MSA					
	MAR88	602,447	577,480	21,967	4.1
	FEB88	596,199	569,682	26,517	4.4
	MAR87	586,341	557,332	29,009	4.9
VIRGINIA PORTION OF WASHINGTON DC MSA					
	MAR88	876,790	862,040	14,750	1.7
	FEB88	861,850	846,390	15,460	1.8
	MAR87	827,616	810,110	17,506	2.1

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RICHMOND-PETERSBURG MSA					
	MAR88	439,875	425,900	13,975	3.2
	FEB88	434,646	419,964	14,682	3.4
	MAR87	425,170	410,067	15,103	3.6
ROANOKE MSA					
	MAR88	118,232	113,583	4,649	3.9
	FEB88	116,816	112,091	4,725	4.0
	MAR87	117,577	112,764	4,813	4.1
ACCOMACK-NORTHAMPTON LMA					
	MAR88	21,924	20,702	1,222	5.6
	FEB88	21,575	20,254	1,321	6.1
	MAR87	19,901	18,117	1,784	9.0
BATH-HIGHLAND LMA					
	MAR88	2,596	2,139	457	17.6
	FEB88	2,713	2,227	486	17.9
	MAR87	2,796	2,199	597	21.4
BEDFORD LMA					
	MAR88	21,295	20,348	947	4.4
	FEB88	21,185	20,216	969	4.6
	MAR87	20,993	19,928	1,065	5.1
BUENA VISTA LMA					
	MAR88	14,410	13,608	802	5.6
	FEB88	14,432	13,550	882	6.1
	MAR87	13,840	12,966	874	6.3
COVINGTON LMA					
	MAR88	11,413	10,524	889	7.8
	FEB88	11,434	10,398	1,036	9.1
	MAR87	11,710	10,181	1,529	13.1
CUMBERLAND-PRINCE EDWARD LMA					
	MAR88	10,669	9,679	990	9.3
	FEB88	10,577	9,601	976	9.2
	MAR87	10,300	9,463	837	8.1

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EMPORIA LMA					
	MAR88	6,526	6,121	405	6.2
	FEB88	6,569	6,106	463	7.0
	MAR87	6,876	6,356	520	7.6
ESSEX-RICHMOND LMA					
	MAR88	7,962	7,584	378	4.7
	FEB88	7,926	7,469	457	5.8
	MAR87	7,814	7,366	448	5.7
FRANKLIN-ISLE-SOUTHAMPTON LMA					
	MAR88	19,857	18,877	980	4.9
	FEB88	19,755	18,692	1,063	5.4
	MAR87	19,857	18,639	1,218	6.1
FREDERICKSBURG LMA					
	MAR88	30,036	28,941	1,095	3.6
	FEB88	30,297	28,946	1,351	4.5
	MAR87	29,904	28,731	1,173	3.9
GALAX LMA					
	MAR88	23,644	22,437	1,207	5.1
	FEB88	23,161	21,837	1,324	5.7
	MAR87	23,187	21,405	1,782	7.7
HARRISONBURG LMA					
	MAR88	45,631	44,001	1,630	3.6
	FEB88	45,331	43,388	1,943	4.3
	MAR87	45,489	43,084	2,405	5.3
KING & QUEEN-KING WILLIAM LMA					
	MAR88	6,961	6,753	208	3.0
	FEB88	7,011	6,667	344	4.9
	MAR87	7,069	6,796	273	3.9
LANCASTER-NORTHUMBERLAND LMA					
	MAR88	9,750	8,331	1,419	14.6
	FEB88	9,710	8,086	1,624	16.7
	MAR87	9,095	7,440	1,655	18.2

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MARTINSVILLE LMA					
	MAR88	53,770	49,857	3,913	7.3
	FEB88	53,791	49,531	4,260	7.9
	MAR87	53,696	49,909	3,787	7.1
NORTON-WISE LMA					
	MAR88	24,931	22,545	2,386	9.6
	FEB88	25,264	22,619	2,645	10.5
	MAR87	25,752	22,416	3,336	13.0
RADFORD LMA					
	MAR88	70,274	66,155	4,119	5.9
	FEB88	69,811	65,538	4,273	6.1
	MAR87	69,051	64,226	4,825	7.0
SOUTH BOSTON LMA					
	MAR88	16,288	14,988	1,300	8.0
	FEB88	16,147	14,832	1,315	8.1
	MAR87	16,001	14,822	1,179	7.4
STAUNTON-WAYNESBORO LMA					
	MAR88	42,554	40,933	1,621	3.8
	FEB88	42,315	40,558	1,757	4.2
	MAR87	43,795	41,601	2,194	5.0
WINCHESTER LMA					
	MAR88	32,169	30,707	1,462	4.5
	FEB88	32,194	30,929	1,265	3.9
	MAR87	31,552	29,948	1,604	5.1
ALEXANDRIA CITY					
	MAR88	81,985	80,334	1,651	2.0
	FEB88	80,552	78,875	1,677	2.1
	MAR87	77,772	75,492	2,280	2.9
BEDFORD CITY					
	MAR88	2,690	2,585	105	3.9
	FEB88	2,682	2,568	114	4.3
	MAR87	2,736	2,532	204	7.5

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BRISTOL CITY					
	MAR88	9,217	8,764	453	4.9
	FEB88	9,286	8,703	583	6.3
	MAR87	9,232	8,396	836	9.1
BUENA VISTA CITY					
	MAR88	3,198	2,989	209	6.5
	FEB88	3,243	2,977	266	8.2
	MAR87	3,113	2,848	265	8.5
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY					
	MAR88	23,693	23,057	636	2.7
	FEB88	23,381	22,726	655	2.8
	MAR87	22,032	21,504	528	2.4
CHESAPEAKE CITY					
	MAR88	69,207	66,676	2,531	3.7
	FEB88	68,526	65,775	2,751	4.0
	MAR87	67,320	64,347	2,973	4.4
CLIFTON FORGE CITY					
	MAR88	2,074	1,940	134	6.5
	FEB88	2,099	1,917	182	8.7
	MAR87	2,089	1,877	212	10.1
COLONIAL HEIGHTS CITY					
	MAR88	9,059	8,769	290	3.2
	FEB88	8,977	8,647	330	3.7
	MAR87	8,714	8,442	272	3.1
COVINGTON CITY					
	MAR88	3,474	3,151	323	9.3
	FEB88	3,438	3,113	325	9.5
	MAR87	3,601	3,048	553	15.4
DANVILLE CITY					
	MAR88	20,382	18,994	1,388	6.8
	FEB88	20,177	18,843	1,334	6.6
	MAR87	20,263	18,645	1,618	8.0

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EMPORIA CITY					
	MAR88	2,064	1,876	188	9.1
	FEB88	2,047	1,871	176	8.6
	MAR87	2,129	1,948	181	8.5
FAIRFAX CITY					
	MAR88	14,031	13,836	195	1.4
	FEB88	13,794	13,585	209	1.5
	MAR87	13,269	13,003	266	2.0
FALLS CHURCH CITY					
	MAR88	7,147	7,017	130	1.8
	FEB88	7,017	6,890	127	1.8
	MAR87	6,702	6,593	109	1.6
FRANKLIN CITY					
	MAR88	2,990	2,757	233	7.8
	FEB88	2,948	2,730	218	7.4
	MAR87	2,939	2,722	217	7.4
FREDERICKSBURG CITY					
	MAR88	10,266	9,889	377	3.7
	FEB88	10,343	9,890	453	4.4
	MAR87	10,303	9,817	486	4.7
GALAX CITY					
	MAR88	3,178	3,092	86	2.7
	FEB88	3,112	3,009	103	3.3
	MAR87	3,211	2,950	261	8.1
HAMPTON CITY					
	MAR88	59,865	56,801	3,064	5.1
	FEB88	59,219	56,034	3,185	5.4
	MAR87	58,573	54,818	3,755	6.4
HARRISONBURG CITY					
	MAR88	14,557	13,998	559	3.8
	FEB88	14,453	13,803	650	4.5
	MAR87	14,383	13,707	676	4.7

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HOPEWELL CITY					
	MAR88	11,597	10,929	668	5.8
	FEB88	11,506	10,776	730	6.3
	MAR87	11,287	10,523	764	6.8
LEXINGTON CITY					
	MAR88	2,578	2,462	116	4.5
	FEB88	2,537	2,452	85	3.4
	MAR87	2,572	2,346	226	8.8
LYNCHBURG CITY					
	MAR88	34,420	32,851	1,569	4.6
	FEB88	33,816	32,178	1,638	4.8
	MAR87	34,425	32,402	2,023	5.9
MANASSAS CITY					
	MAR88	12,806	12,560	246	1.9
	FEB88	12,600	12,332	268	2.1
	MAR87	12,022	11,807	215	1.8
MANASSAS PARK CITY					
	MAR88	4,334	4,276	58	1.3
	FEB88	4,276	4,198	78	1.8
	MAR87	4,087	4,021	66	1.6
MARTINSVILLE CITY					
	MAR88	9,915	9,087	828	8.4
	FEB88	9,975	9,028	947	9.5
	MAR87	9,614	9,096	518	5.4
NEWPORT NEWS CITY					
	MAR88	79,139	75,708	3,431	4.3
	FEB88	78,418	74,685	3,733	4.8
	MAR87	77,723	73,067	4,656	6.0
NORFOLK CITY					
	MAR88	95,704	91,126	4,578	4.8
	FEB88	94,726	89,896	4,830	5.1
	MAR87	92,988	87,946	5,042	5.4

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NORTON CITY					
	MAR88	1,662	1,547	115	6.9
	FEB88	1,706	1,552	154	9.0
	MAR87	~~1,739~~	1,538	201	11.6
PETERSBURG CITY					
	MAR88	19,328	18,165	1,163	6.0
	FEB88	19,145	17,911	1,234	6.4
	MAR87	18,802	17,491	1,311	7.0
POQUOSON CITY					
	MAR88	5,372	5,226	146	2.7
	FEB88	5,320	5,156	164	3.1
	MAR87	5,201	5,041	160	3.1
PORTSMOUTH CITY					
	MAR88	53,367	50,576	2,791	5.2
	FEB88	52,853	49,893	2,960	5.6
	MAR87	52,380	48,811	3,569	6.8
RADFORD CITY					
	MAR88	6,554	6,221	333	5.1
	FEB88	6,529	6,163	366	5.6
	MAR87	6,548	6,039	509	7.8
RICHMOND CITY					
	MAR88	115,689	110,964	4,725	4.1
	FEB88	114,332	109,417	4,915	4.3
	MAR87	111,927	106,838	5,089	4.5
ROANOKE CITY					
	MAR88	52,346	49,869	2,477	4.7
	FEB88	51,714	49,214	2,500	4.8
	MAR87	52,130	49,509	2,621	5.0
SALEM CITY					
	MAR88	12,314	11,809	505	4.1
	FEB88	12,153	11,654	499	4.1
	MAR87	12 278	11,724	554	4.5

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SOUTH BOSTON CITY					
	MAR88	3,112	2,917	195	6.3
	FEB88	3,070	2,887	183	6.0
	MAR87	3,080	2,885	195	6.3
STAUNTON CITY					
	MAR88	10,263	9,848	415	4.0
	FEB88	10,194	9,758	436	4.3
	MAR87	10,551	10,009	542	5.1
SUFFOLK CITY					
	MAR88	27,287	25,513	1,774	6.5
	FEB88	26,778	25,169	1,609	6.0
	MAR87	26,201	24,622	1,579	6.0
VIRGINIA BEACH CITY					
	MAR88	157,860	152,963	4,897	3.1
	FEB88	156,091	150,897	5,194	3.3
	MAR87	152,647	147,626	5,021	3.3
WAYNESBORO CITY					
	MAR88	8,818	8,551	267	3.0
	FEB88	8,763	8,473	290	3.3
	MAR87	9,173	8,690	483	5.3
WILLIAMSBURG CITY					
	MAR88	6,399	6,110	289	4.5
	FEB88	6,353	6,027	326	5.1
	MAR87	6,247	5,895	352	5.6
WINCHESTER CITY					
	MAR88	11,619	11,125	494	4.3
	FEB88	11,639	11,205	434	3.7
	MAR87	11,436	10,850	586	5.1
ACCOMACK COUNTY					
	MAR88	15,372	14,476	896	5.8
	FEB88	15,146	14,163	983	6.5
	MAR87	13,922	12,668	1,254	9.0

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ALBEMARLE COUNTY					
	MAR88	34,159	33,358	801	2.3
	FEB88	33,725	32,880	845	2.5
	MAR87	32,009	31,113	896	2.8
ALLEGHANY COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,865	5,433	432	7.4
	FEB88	5,898	5,368	530	9.0
	MAR87	6,021	5,256	765	12.7
AMELIA COUNTY					
	MAR88	3,538	3,384	154	4.4
	FEB88	3,519	3,373	146	4.1
	MAR87	3,507	3,364	143	4.1
AMHERST COUNTY					
	MAR88	12,755	12,101	654	5.1
	FEB88	12,551	11,854	697	5.6
	MAR87	12,603	11,936	667	5.3
APPOMATTOX COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,969	5,665	304	5.1
	FEB88	5,895	5,614	281	4.8
	MAR87	5,973	5,664	309	5.2
ARLINGTON COUNTY					
	MAR88	115,042	113,117	1,925	1.7
	FEB88	112,992	111,063	1,929	1.7
	MAR87	108,655	106,301	2,354	2.2
AUGUSTA COUNTY					
	MAR88	23,473	22,534	939	4.0
	FEB88	23,357	22,327	1,030	4.4
	MAR87	24,070	22,901	1,169	4.9
BATH COUNTY					
	MAR88	1,803	1,417	386	21.4
	FEB88	1,866	1,475	391	21.0
	MAR87	1,982	1,456	526	26.5

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BEDFORD COUNTY					
	MAR88	18,605	17,763	842	4.5
	FEB88	18,503	17,648	855	4.6
	MAR87	18,257	17,396	861	4.7
BLAND COUNTY					
	MAR88	3,319	3,127	192	5.8
	FEB88	3,199	2,995	204	6.4
	MAR87	3,739	3,490	249	6.7
BOTETOURT COUNTY					
	MAR88	12,712	12,220	492	3.9
	FEB88	12,610	12,060	550	4.4
	MAR87	12,687	12,132	555	4.4
BRUNSWICK COUNTY					
	MAR88	7,607	7,189	418	5.5
	FEB88	7,614	7,166	448	5.9
	MAR87	7,549	7,006	543	7.2
BUCHANAN COUNTY					
	MAR88	11,683	10,275	1,408	12.1
	FEB88	11,599	10,146	1,453	12.5
	MAR87	12,215	9,806	2,409	19.7
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY					
	MAR88	4,941	4,576	365	7.4
	FEB88	5,024	4,618	406	8.1
	MAR87	6,567	6,132	435	6.6
CAMPBELL COUNTY					
	MAR88	24,648	23,390	1,258	5.1
	FEB88	24,231	22,911	1,320	5.4
	MAR87	24,642	23,071	1,571	6.4
CAROLINE COUNTY					
	MAR88	8,602	8,190	412	4.8
	FEB88	8,746	8,150	596	6.8
	MAR87	8,427	7,986	441	5.2

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CARROLL COUNTY					
	MAR88	12,692	12,045	647	5.1
	FEB88	12,493	11,723	770	6.2
	MAR87	12,399	11,491	908	7.3
CHARLES CITY COUNTY					
	MAR88	3,691	3,446	245	6.6
	FEB88	3,653	3,398	255	7.0
	MAR87	3,574	3,318	256	7.2
CHARLOTTE COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,296	4,859	437	8.3
	FEB88	5,151	4,745	406	7.9
	MAR87	5,434	4,920	514	9.5
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY					
	MAR88	98,765	96,500	2,265	2.3
	FEB88	97,553	95,155	2,398	2.5
	MAR87	95,253	92,911	2,342	2.5
CLARKE COUNTY					
	MAR88	4,350	4,176	174	4.0
	FEB88	4,366	4,185	181	4.1
	MAR87	4,362	4,205	157	3.6
CRAIG COUNTY					
	MAR88	2,308	2,200	108	4.7
	FEB88	2,303	2,184	119	5.2
	MAR87	2,234	2,108	126	5.6
CULPEPER COUNTY					
	MAR88	11,367	11,049	318	2.8
	FEB88	11,369	10,960	409	3.6
	MAR87	11,120	10,697	423	3.8
CUMBERLAND COUNTY					
	MAR88	3,266	3,052	214	6.6
	FEB88	3,259	3,027	232	7.1
	MAR87	3,187	2,984	203	6.4

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DICKENSON COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,085	4,434	651	12.8
	FEB88	5,263	4,452	811	15.4
	MAR87	5,682	4,646	1,036	18.2
DINWIDDIE COUNTY					
	MAR88	8,972	8,518	454	5.1
	FEB88	8,886	8,399	487	5.5
	MAR87	9,015	8,203	812	9.0
ESSEX COUNTY					
	MAR88	4,384	4,228	156	3.6
	FEB88	4,360	4,164	196	4.5
	MAR87	4,266	4,106	160	3.8
FAIRFAX COUNTY					
	MAR88	471,571	464,321	7,250	1.5
	FEB88	463,573	455,891	7,682	1.7
	MAR87	445,085	436,346	8,739	2.0
FAUQUIER COUNTY					
	MAR88	23,313	22,919	394	1.7
	FEB88	23,239	22,732	507	2.2
	MAR87	22,318	21,817	501	2.2
FLOYD COUNTY					
	MAR88	6,016	5,391	625	10.4
	FEB88	5,784	5,341	443	7.7
	MAR87	5,583	5,234	349	6.3
FLUVANNA COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,652	5,400	252	4.5
	FEB88	5,609	5,322	287	5.1
	MAR87	5,230	5,036	194	3.7
FRANKLIN COUNTY					
	MAR88	18,094	17,080	1,014	5.6
	FEB88	18,686	16,996	1,690	9.0
	MAR87	17,583	16,555	1,028	5.8

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AREA	PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBER	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
FREDERICK COUNTY					
	MAR88	20,550	19,582	968	4.7
	FEB88	20,556	19,724	832	4.0
	MAR87	20,117	19,098	1,019	5.1
GILES COUNTY					
	MAR88	8,516	7,697	819	9.6
	FEB88	8,478	7,625	853	10.1
	MAR87	8,468	7,473	995	11.8
GLOUCESTER COUNTY					
	MAR88	15,036	14,685	351	2.3
	FEB88	14,941	14,487	454	3.0
	MAR87	14,675	14,172	503	3.4
GOOCHLAND COUNTY					
	MAR88	6,158	5,882	276	4.5
	FEB88	6,014	5,800	214	3.6
	MAR87	5,879	5,665	214	3.6
GRAYSON COUNTY					
	MAR88	7,775	7,300	475	6.1
	FEB88	7,556	7,105	451	6.0
	MAR87	7,578	6,965	613	8.1
GREENE COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,091	4,818	273	5.4
	FEB88	4,934	4,749	185	3.7
	MAR87	5,202	4,494	708	13.6
GREENSVILLE COUNTY					
	MAR88	4,463	4,245	218	4.9
	FEB88	4,521	4,235	286	6.3
	MAR87	4,747	4,408	339	7.1
HALIFAX COUNTY					
	MAR88	13,176	12,071	1,105	8.4
	FEB88	13,076	11,945	1,131	8.6
	MAR87	12,921	11,937	984	7.6

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AREA	PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBER	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
HANOVER COUNTY					
	MAR88	30,919	30,303	616	2.0
	FEB88	30,601	29,880	721	2.4
	MAR87	29,898	29,177	721	2.4
HENRICO COUNTY					
	MAR88	117,784	115,270	2,514	2.1
	FEB88	116,162	113,663	2,499	2.2
	MAR87	113,530	110,984	2,546	2.2
HENRY COUNTY					
	MAR88	34,313	31,556	2,757	8.0
	FEB88	34,307	31,350	2,957	8.6
	MAR87	34,106	31,589	2,517	7.4
HIGHLAND COUNTY					
	MAR88	793	722	71	9.0
	FEB88	847	752	95	11.2
	MAR87	815	743	72	8.8
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY					
	MAR88	10,480	9,940	540	5.2
	FEB88	10,434	9,842	592	5.7
	MAR87	10,497	9,814	683	6.5
JAMES CITY COUNTY					
	MAR88	14,574	14,004	570	3.9
	FEB88	14,497	13,815	682	4.7
	MAR87	14,235	13,513	722	5.1
KING AND QUEEN COUNTY					
	MAR88	2,554	2,440	114	4.5
	FEB88	2,610	2,408	202	7.7
	MAR87	2,552	2,455	97	3.8
KING GEORGE COUNTY					
	MAR88	6,473	6,234	239	3.7
	FEB88	6,568	6,278	290	4.4
	MAR87	6,218	5,982	236	3.8

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AREA	PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBER	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
KING WILLIAM COUNTY					
	MAR88	4,407	4,313	94	2.1
	FEB88	4,401	4,259	142	3.2
	MAR87	4,517	4,341	176	3.9
LANCASTER COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,270	4,467	803	15.2
	FEB88	5,272	4,336	936	17.8
	MAR87	4,891	3,990	901	18.4
LEE COUNTY					
	MAR88	8,166	7,377	789	9.7
	FEB88	8,299	7,401	898	10.8
	MAR87	8,375	7,335	1,040	12.4
LOUDOUN COUNTY					
	MAR88	43,142	42,438	704	1.6
	FEB88	42,387	41,668	719	1.7
	MAR87	40,546	39,885	661	1.6
LOUISA COUNTY					
	MAR88	10,739	9,944	795	7.4
	FEB88	10,427	9,802	625	6.0
	MAR87	10,303	9,764	539	5.2
LUNENBURG COUNTY					
	MAR88	4,664	4,297	367	7.9
	FEB88	4,690	4,252	438	9.3
	MAR87	4,780	4,279	501	10.5
MADISON COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,365	5,191	174	3.2
	FEB88	5,276	5,080	196	3.7
	MAR87	5,044	4,750	294	5.8
MATHEWS COUNTY					
	MAR88	3,482	3,365	117	3.4
	FEB88	3,488	3,357	131	3.8
	MAR87	3,271	3,107	164	5.0

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MECKLENBURG COUNTY					
	MAR88	12,984	12,151	833	6.4
	FEB88	12,948	12,071	877	6.8
	MAR87	13,387	12,461	926	6.9
MIDDLESEX COUNTY					
	MAR88	3,209	3,099	110	3.4
	FEB88	3,191	3,041	150	4.7
	MAR87	3,156	3,028	128	4.1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY					
	MAR88	31,917	30,458	1,459	4.6
	FEB88	31,863	30,174	1,689	5.3
	MAR87	31,284	29,571	1,713	5.5
NELSON COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,610	5,314	296	5.3
	FEB88	5,881	5,583	298	5.1
	MAR87	6,209	5,857	352	5.7
NEW KENT COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,482	5,319	163	3.0
	FEB88	5,407	5,245	162	3.0
	MAR87	5,269	5,121	148	2.8
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY					
	MAR88	6,551	6,226	325	5.0
	FEB88	6,429	6,091	338	5.3
	MAR87	5,978	5,449	529	8.8
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY					
	MAR88	4,481	3,864	617	13.8
	FEB88	4,438	3,750	688	15.5
	MAR87	4,205	3,450	755	18.0
NOTTOWAY COUNTY					
	MAR88	6,568	6,160	408	6.2
	FEB88	6,539	6,074	465	7.1
	MAR87	6,650	6,049	601	9.0

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ORANGE COUNTY					
	MAR88	8,930	8,572	358	4.0
	FEB88	8,934	8,565	369	4.1
	MAR87	8,774	8,273	501	5.7
PAGE COUNTY					
	MAR88	8,898	8,200	698	7.8
	FEB88	9,046	8,098	948	10.5
	MAR87	9,291	8,365	926	10.0
PATRICK COUNTY					
	MAR88	9,542	9,214	328	3.4
	FEB88	9,510	9,153	357	3.8
	MAR87	9,974	9,223	751	7.5
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY					
	MAR88	30,209	28,217	1,992	6.6
	FEB88	30,337	27,991	2,346	7.7
	MAR87	30,026	27,696	2,330	7.8
POWHATAN COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,282	5,111	171	3.2
	FEB88	5,238	5,040	198	3.8
	MAR87	5,116	4,922	194	3.8
PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY					
	MAR88	7,404	6,627	777	10.5
	FEB88	7,318	6,574	744	10.2
	MAR87	7,113	6,479	634	8.9
PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY					
	MAR88	7,144	6,721	423	5.9
	FEB88	7,166	6,627	539	7.5
	MAR87	6,907	6,472	435	6.3
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY					
	MAR88	99,413	97,462	1,951	2.0
	FEB88	97,776	95,693	2,083	2.1
	MAR87	93,694	91,591	2,103	2.2

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PULASKI COUNTY					
	MAR88	17,269	16,387	882	5.1
	FEB88	17,154	16,234	920	5.4
	MAR87	17,170	15,910	1,260	7.3
RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY					
	MAR88	2,692	2,575	117	4.3
	FEB88	2,707	2,522	185	6.8
	MAR87	2,698	2,563	135	5.0
RICHMOND COUNTY					
	MAR88	3,579	3,356	223	6.2
	FEB88	3,566	3,305	261	7.3
	MAR87	3,548	3,260	288	8.1
ROANOKE COUNTY					
	MAR88	40,861	39,686	1,175	2.9
	FEB88	40,341	39,165	1,176	2.9
	MAR87	40,482	39,399	1,083	2.7
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY					
	MAR88	8,634	8,156	478	5.5
	FEB88	8,654	8,122	532	6.1
	MAR87	8,156	7,772	384	4.7
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY					
	MAR88	31,074	30,003	1,071	3.4
	FEB88	30,877	29,585	1,292	4.2
	MAR87	31,106	29,377	1,729	5.6
RUSSELL COUNTY					
	MAR88	11,076	9,858	1,218	11.0
	FEB88	11,069	9,666	1,403	12.7
	MAR87	11,743	9,767	1,976	16.8
SCOTT COUNTY					
	MAR88	10,388	9,681	707	6.8
	FEB88	10,389	9,614	775	7.5
	MAR87	9,981	9,274	707	7.1

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SHENANDOAH COUNTY					
	MAR88	16,962	16,497	465	2.7
	FEB88	17,024	16,490	534	3.1
	MAR87	16,509	15,908	601	3.6
SMYTH COUNTY					
	MAR88	14,960	13,805	1,155	7.7
	FEB88	15,022	13,609	1,413	9.4
	MAR87	14,922	13,604	1,318	8.8
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY					
	MAR88	6,389	6,181	208	3.3
	FEB88	6,373	6,120	253	4.0
	MAR87	6,420	6,103	317	4.9
SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY					
	MAR88	19,770	19,052	718	3.6
	FEB88	19,954	19,056	898	4.5
	MAR87	19,602	18,914	688	3.5
STAFFORD COUNTY					
	MAR88	27,320	26,680	640	2.3
	FEB88	26,884	26,196	688	2.6
	MAR87	25,786	25,072	714	2.8
SURRY COUNTY					
	MAR88	2,648	2,400	248	9.4
	FEB88	2,632	2,374	258	9.8
	MAR87	2,695	2,486	209	7.8
SUSSEX COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,226	4,926	300	5.7
	FEB88	5,220	4,864	356	6.8
	MAR87	5,132	4,757	375	7.3
TAZEWELL COUNTY					
	MAR88	17,978	16,458	1,520	8.5
	FEB88	18,003	16,269	1,734	9.6
	MAR87	18,825	15,711	3,114	16.5

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WARREN COUNTY					
	MAR88	11,125	10,664	461	4.1
	FEB88	11,104	10,620	484	4.4
	MAR87	11,573	11,086	487	4.2
WASHINGTON COUNTY					
	MAR88	23,552	22,276	1,276	5.4
	FEB88	23,701	22,122	1,579	6.7
	MAR87	22,478	21,341	1,137	5.1
WESTMORELAND COUNTY					
	MAR88	5,224	4,872	352	6.7
	FEB88	5,198	4,812	386	7.4
	MAR87	5,534	5,116	418	7.6
WISE COUNTY					
	MAR88	15,103	13,621	1,482	9.8
	FEB88	15,258	13,666	1,592	10.4
	MAR87	15,639	13,544	2,095	13.4
WYTHE COUNTY					
	MAR88	13,919	13,169	750	5.4
	FEB88	13,896	13,018	878	6.3
	MAR87	14,241	13,153	1,088	7.6
YORK COUNTY					
	MAR88	18,650	18,104	546	2.9
	FEB88	18,488	17,860	628	3.4
	MAR87	18,153	17,474	679	3.7

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AREA	PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBER	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
ONE					
	MAR88	81,141	73,251	7,890	9.7
	FEB88	81,586	72,766	8,820	10.8
	MAR87	84,199	71,621	12,578	14.9
TWO					
	MAR88	158,884	149,732	9,152	5.8
	FEB88	158,073	147,821	10,252	6.5
	MAR87	156,853	145,617	11,236	7.2
THREE					
	MAR88	131,954	126,308	5,646	4.3
	FEB88	130,556	124,675	5,881	4.5
	MAR87	131,522	125,053	6,469	4.9
FOUR					
	MAR88	178,695	170,924	7,771	4.3
	FEB88	178,526	170,046	8,480	4.8
	MAR87	179,209	169,361	9,848	5.5
FIVE					
	MAR88	652,444	641,910	10,534	1.6
	FEB88	641,423	630,257	11,166	1.7
	MAR87	615,405	603,246	12,159	2.0
SIX					
	MAR88	197,027	193,451	3,576	1.8
	FEB88	193,544	189,938	3,606	1.9
	MAR87	186,427	181,793	4,634	2.5
SEVEN					
	MAR88	136,611	132,197	4,414	3.2
	FEB88	135,482	130,921	4,561	3.4
	MAR87	130,939	125,868	5,071	3.9
EIGHT					
	MAR88	221,542	208,503	13,039	5.9
	FEB88	220,670	206,134	14,536	6.6
	MAR87	220,202	205,805	14,397	6.5

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AREA	PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBER	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
NINE					
	MAR88	143,057	133,832	9,225	6.4
	FEB88	142,308	132,436	9,872	6.9
	MAR87	143,603	133,226	10,377	7.2
TEN					
	MAR88	115,689	110,964	4,725	4.1
	FEB88	114,332	109,417	4,915	4.3
	MAR87	111,927	106,838	5,089	4.5
ELEVEN					
	MAR88	268,081	261,831	6,250	2.3
	FEB88	264,628	258,181	6,447	2.4
	MAR87	258,519	252,098	6,421	2.5
TWELVE					
	MAR88	130,944	124,751	6,193	4.7
	FEB88	130,594	123,256	7,338	5.6
	MAR87	126,176	118,741	7,435	5.9
THIRTEEN					
	MAR88	199,035	190,638	8,397	4.2
	FEB88	197,236	188,064	9,172	4.7
	MAR87	194,807	183,980	10,827	5.6
FOURTEEN					
	MAR88	423,284	405,732	17,552	4.1
	FEB88	418,729	400,322	18,407	4.4
	MAR87	411,392	391,991	19,401	4.7

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RANKRATE	NAME	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
1	MANASSAS PARK CITY	4,334	4,276	58	1.3
2	FAIRFAX CITY	14,031	13,836	195	1.4
3	FAIRFAX COUNTY	471,571	464,321	7,250	1.5
4	LOUDOUN COUNTY	43,142	42,438	704	1.6
5	FAUQUIER COUNTY	23,313	22,919	394	1.7
5	ARLINGTON COUNTY	115,042	113,117	1,925	1.7
7	FALLS CHURCH CITY	7,147	7,017	130	1.8
8	MANASSAS CITY	12,806	12,560	246	1.9
9	PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY	99,413	97,462	1,951	2.0
9	HANOVER COUNTY	30,919	30,303	616	2.0
9	ALEXANDRIA CITY	81,985	80,334	1,651	2.0
12	KING WILLIAM COUNTY	4,407	4,313	94	2.1
12	HENRICO COUNTY	117,784	115,270	2,514	2.1
14	GLOUCESTER COUNTY	15,036	14,685	351	2.3
14	STAFFORD COUNTY	27,320	26,680	640	2.3
14	CHESTERFIELD COUNTY	98,765	96,500	2,265	2.3
14	ALBEMARLE COUNTY	34,159	33,358	801	2.3
18	SHENANDOAH COUNTY	16,962	16,497	465	2.7
18	CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY	23,693	23,057	636	2.7
18	GALAX CITY	3,178	3,092	86	2.7
18	POQUOSON CITY	5,372	5,226	146	2.7
22	CULPEPER COUNTY	11,367	11,049	318	2.8
23	YORK COUNTY	18,650	18,104	546	2.9
23	ROANOKE COUNTY	40,861	39,686	1,175	2.9
25	NEW KENT COUNTY	5,482	5,319	163	3.0
25	WAYNESBORO CITY	8,818	8,551	267	3.0
27	VIRGINIA BEACH CITY	157,860	152,963	4,897	3.1
28	MADISON COUNTY	5,365	5,191	174	3.2
28	POWHATAN COUNTY	5,282	5,111	171	3.2
28	COLONIAL HEIGHTS CITY	9,059	8,769	290	3.2
31	SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY	6,389	6,181	208	3.3
32	MATHEWS COUNTY	3,482	3,365	117	3.4
32	MIDDLESEX COUNTY	3,209	3,099	110	3.4
32	PATRICK COUNTY	9,542	9,214	328	3.4
32	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	31,074	30,003	1,071	3.4
36	ESSEX COUNTY	4,384	4,228	156	3.6
36	SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY	19,770	19,052	718	3.6
38	KING GEORGE COUNTY	6,473	6,234	239	3.7
38	FREDERICKSBURG CITY	10,266	9,889	377	3.7
38	CHESAPEAKE CITY	69,207	66,676	2,531	3.7
41	HARRISONBURG CITY	14,557	13,998	559	3.8
42	BOTETOURT COUNTY	12,712	12,220	492	3.9
42	JAMES CITY COUNTY	14,574	14,004	570	3.9
42	BEDFORD CITY	2,690	2,585	105	3.9
45	CLARKE COUNTY	4,350	4,176	174	4.0
45	ORANGE COUNTY	8,930	8,572	358	4.0
45	STAUNTON CITY	10,263	9,848	415	4.0
45	AUGUSTA COUNTY	23,473	22,534	939	4.0
49	WARREN COUNTY	11,125	10,664	461	4.1

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RANKRATE	NAME	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
49	SALEM CITY	12,314	11,809	505	4.1
49	RICHMOND CITY	115,689	110,964	4,725	4.1
52	RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY	2,692	2,575	117	4.3
52	WINCHESTER CITY	11,619	11,125	494	4.3
52	NEWPORT NEWS CITY	79,139	75,708	3,431	4.3
55	AMELIA COUNTY	3,538	3,384	154	4.4
56	BEDFORD COUNTY	18,605	17,763	842	4.5
56	FLUVANNA COUNTY	5,652	5,400	252	4.5
56	GOOCHLAND COUNTY	6,158	5,882	276	4.5
56	KING AND QUEEN COUNTY	2,554	2,440	114	4.5
56	LEXINGTON CITY	2,578	2,462	116	4.5
56	WILLIAMSBURG CITY	6,399	6,110	289	4.5
62	LYNCHBURG CITY	34,420	32,851	1,569	4.6
62	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	31,917	30,458	1,459	4.6
64	CRAIG COUNTY	2,308	2,200	108	4.7
64	FREDERICK COUNTY	20,550	19,582	968	4.7
64	ROANOKE CITY	52,346	49,869	2,477	4.7
67	CAROLINE COUNTY	8,602	8,190	412	4.8
67	NORFOLK CITY	95,704	91,126	4,578	4.8
69	GREENSVILLE COUNTY	4,463	4,245	218	4.9
69	BRISTOL CITY	9,217	8,764	453	4.9
71	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	6,551	6,226	325	5.0
72	AMHERST COUNTY	12,755	12,101	654	5.1
72	APPOMATTOX COUNTY	5,969	5,665	304	5.1
72	CARROLL COUNTY	12,692	12,045	647	5.1
72	DINWIDDIE COUNTY	8,972	8,518	454	5.1
72	PULASKI COUNTY	17,269	16,387	882	5.1
72	RADFORD CITY	6,554	6,221	333	5.1
72	HAMPTON CITY	59,865	56,801	3,064	5.1
72	CAMPBELL COUNTY	24,648	23,390	1,258	5.1
80	ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY	10,480	9,940	540	5.2
80	PORTSMOUTH CITY	53,367	50,576	2,791	5.2
82	NELSON COUNTY	5,610	5,314	296	5.3
83	GREENE COUNTY	5,091	4,818	273	5.4
83	WASHINGTON COUNTY	23,552	22,276	1,276	5.4
83	WYTHE COUNTY	13,919	13,169	750	5.4
86	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	7,607	7,189	418	5.5
86	ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY	8,634	8,156	478	5.5
88	FRANKLIN COUNTY	18,094	17,080	1,014	5.6
89	SUSSEX COUNTY	5,226	4,926	300	5.7
90	ACCOMACK COUNTY	15,372	14,476	896	5.8
90	BLAND COUNTY	3,319	3,127	192	5.8
90	HOPEWELL CITY	11,597	10,929	668	5.8
93	PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY	7,144	6,721	423	5.9
94	PETERSBURG CITY	19,328	18,165	1,163	6.0
95	GRAYSON COUNTY	7,775	7,300	475	6.1
96	NOTTOWAY COUNTY	6,568	6,160	408	6.2
96	RICHMOND COUNTY	3,579	3,356	223	6.2
98	SOUTH BOSTON CITY	3,112	2,917	195	6.3

CITY/COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT DATA BY RANK
MARCH, 1988 PRELIMINARY

RANKRATE	NAME	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
99	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	12,984	12,151	833	6.4
100	BUENA VISTA CITY	3,198	2,989	209	6.5
100	CLIFTON FORGE CITY	2,074	1,940	134	6.5
100	SUFFOLK CITY	27,287	25,513	1,774	6.5
103	CHARLES CITY COUNTY	3,691	3,446	245	6.6
103	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	3,266	3,052	214	6.6
103	PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY	30,209	28,217	1,992	6.6
106	WESTMORELAND COUNTY	5,224	4,872	352	6.7
107	SCOTT COUNTY	10,388	9,681	707	6.8
107	DANVILLE CITY	20,382	18,994	1,388	6.8
109	NORTON CITY	1,662	1,547	115	6.9
110	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	5,865	5,433	432	7.4
110	BUCKINGHAM COUNTY	4,941	4,576	365	7.4
110	LOUISA COUNTY	10,739	9,944	795	7.4
113	SMYTH COUNTY	14,960	13,805	1,155	7.7
114	PAGE COUNTY	8,898	8,200	698	7.8
114	FRANKLIN CITY	2,990	2,757	233	7.8
116	LUNENBURG COUNTY	4,664	4,297	367	7.9
117	HENRY COUNTY	34,313	31,556	2,757	8.0
118	CHARLOTTE COUNTY	5,296	4,859	437	8.3
119	HALIFAX COUNTY	13,176	12,071	1,105	8.4
119	MARTINSVILLE CITY	9,915	9,087	828	8.4
121	TAZEWELL COUNTY	17,978	16,458	1,520	8.5
122	HIGHLAND COUNTY	793	722	71	9.0
123	EMPORIA CITY	2,064	1,876	188	9.1
124	COVINGTON CITY	3,474	3,151	323	9.3
125	SURRY COUNTY	2,648	2,400	248	9.4
126	GILES COUNTY	8,516	7,697	819	9.6
127	LEE COUNTY	8,166	7,377	789	9.7
128	WISE COUNTY	15,103	13,621	1,482	9.8
129	FLOYD COUNTY	6,016	5,391	625	10.4
130	PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY	7,404	6,627	777	10.5
131	RUSSELL COUNTY	11,076	9,858	1,218	11.0
132	BUCHANAN COUNTY	11,683	10,275	1,408	12.1
133	DICKENSON COUNTY	5,085	4,434	651	12.8
134	NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY	4,481	3,864	617	13.8
135	LANCASTER COUNTY	5,270	4,467	803	15.2
136	BATH COUNTY	1,803	1,417	386	21.4

EXPLANATORY NOTES

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Data on nonagricultural payroll employment, hours, and earnings are collected by the Virginia Employment Commission in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, from payroll records of a sample of approximately 7,500 establishments. In most industries the sampling probabilities are based on the size of the establishment; most large establishments are therefore in the sample. Self-employed persons, domestic workers, and others not on a regular civilian payroll are outside the scope of the survey because they are excluded from establishment records.

Definitions:

Employed persons are all persons who received pay (including holiday and sick pay) for any part of the payroll period including the 12th of the month. Persons holding more than one job are counted in each establishment which reports them. From a sample composed of establishments reporting for both the previous and the current months, the ratio of current employment to that of the previous month is computed. This is called a link relative. The estimates of employment for the current month are obtained by multiplying the estimates for the previous month by these link relatives.

Production workers in manufacturing include blue-collar worker supervisors and all nonsupervisory workers closely associated with production operations.

Hours represent the average weekly hours of production of nonsupervisory workers for which pay was received and is different from standard or scheduled hours. Such factors as unpaid absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, and stoppages cause average weekly hours to be lower than scheduled hours of work for an establishment. Group averages further reflect changes in the workweek of component industries.

Earnings are the payments production or nonsupervisory workers receive during the survey period, including premium pay for overtime or late-shift work, but excluding irregular bonuses and other special payments. Average hourly earnings are on a gross basis, reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such variable factors as premium pay for overtime and late-shift work and changes in output of workers paid on an incentive plan. Shifts in the volume of employment between relatively high-paid and low-paid work and changes in workers' earnings in individual establishments also affect the general averages. Averages for groups and divisions further reflect changes in average hourly earnings for individual industries.

Benchmark Adjustments. Employment estimates are compared periodically with comprehensive counts of employment which provide "benchmarks" for the various nonagricultural industries, and appropriate adjustments are made. The primary sources of benchmark information are employment data, by industry, compiled quarterly by the Virginia Employment Commission from reports of establishment covered under the unemployment insurance laws.

Reliability of Employment Estimates. The BLS establishment sample covers approximately 44.5 percent of the total employment for the state. Since small sampling and response errors cumulative over several months, there was a 0.1 percent adjustment in benchmark levels for the First Quarter 1986 benchmark.

Labor force and unemployment estimates for the state and standard metropolitan statistical areas are developed by the Virginia Employment Commission under a federal-state cooperative program. Estimates are derived from standardized procedures developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Data on the civilian labor force employment and unemployment estimates and unemployment rates for the United States, Virginia, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Labor Market Areas (LMAs), Service Delivery Areas (SDAs), and all other Virginia cities and counties are developed by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Most recent month data are considered preliminary and are subject to revision.

Employment and unemployment estimates are based on new 1987 benchmark levels.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

1. Virginia Portion of of Bristol MSA
   - Scott Co.
   - Washington Co.
   - Bristol City

2. Charlottesville MSA
   - Albemarle Co.
   - Fluvanna Co.
   - Greene Co.
   - Charlottesville City

3. Danville MSA
   - Pittsylvania Co.
   - Danville City

4. Lynchburg MSA
   - Amherst Co.
   - Campbell Co.
   - Lynchburg City

5. Norfolk-Va. Beach-Newport News MSA
   - Gloucester Co.
   - James City Co.
   - York Co.
   - Chesapeake City
   - Hampton City
   - Newport News City
   - Norfolk City
   - Poquoson City
   - Portsmouth City
   - Suffolk City
   - Virginia Beach City
   - Williamsburg City

6. Virginia Portion of Washington, DC MSA
   - Arlington Co.
   - Fairfax Co.
   - Loudoun Co.
   - Prince William Co.
   - Stafford Co.
   - Alexandria City
   - Fairfax City
   - Falls Church City
   - Manassas City
   - Manassas City Park

7. Richmond-Petersburg MSA
   - Charles City Co.
   - Chesterfield Co.
   - Dinwiddie Co.
   - Goochland Co.
   - Hanover Co.
   - Henrico Co.
   - New Kent Co.
   - Powhatan Co.
   - Prince George Co.
   - Colonial Heights City
   - Hopewell City
   - Petersburg City
   - Richmond City

8. Roanoke MSA
   - Botetourt Co.
   - Roanoke Co.
   - Roanoke City
   - Salem City

LABOR MARKET AREAS

1. Accomack-Northampton LMA
   - Accomack Co.
   - Northampton Co.

2. Bath-Highland LMA
   - Bath Co.
   - Highland Co.

3. Bedford LMA
   - Bedford City
   - Bedford Co.

4. Buena Vista LMA
   - Buena Vista City
   - Lexington City
   - Rockbridge Co.

5. Covington LMA
   - Alleghany Co.
   - Clifton Forge City
   - Covington City

6. Cumberland-Prince Edward LMA
   - Cumberland Co.
   - Prince Edward Co.

7. Emporia LMA
   - Emporia City
   - Greensville Co.

8. Essex-Richmond LMA
   - Essex Co.
   - Richmond Co.

9. Franklin-Isle of Wight-Southampton LMA
   - Franklin City
   - Isle of Wight Co.
   - Southampton Co.

10. Fredericksburg LMA
    - Fredericksburg City
    - Spotsylvania Co.

11. Galax LMA
    - Carroll Co.
    - Galax City
    - Grayson Co.

12. Harrisonburg LMA
    - Harrisonburg City
    - Rockingham Co.

13. King and Queen-King William LMA
    - King and Queen Co.
    - King William Co.

14. Lancaster-Northumberland LMA
    - Lancaster Co.
    - Northumberland Co.

15. Martinsville LMA
    - Henry Co.
    - Martinsville City
    - Patrick Co.

16. Norton LMA
    - Lee Co.
    - Norton City
    - Wise Co.

17. Radford LMA
    - Floyd Co.
    - Giles Co.
    - Montgomery Co.
    - Pulaski Co.
    - Radford City

18. South Boston LMA
    - Halifax Co.
    - South Boston City

19. Staunton-Waynesboro LMA
    - Augusta Co.
    - Staunton City
    - Waynesboro City

20. Winchester LMA
    - Frederick Co.
    - Winchester City

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

Area 1
- Buchanan Co.
- Dickenson Co.
- Lee Co.
- Russell Co.
- Scott Co.
- Tazewell Co.
- Wise Co.
- Norton City

Area 2
- Bland Co.
- Carroll Co.
- Floyd Co.
- Giles Co.
- Grayson Co.
- Montgomery Co.
- Pulaski Co.
- Smyth Co.
- Washington Co.
- Wythe Co.
- Bristol City
- Galax City
- Radford City

Area 3
- Alleghany Co.
- Botetourt Co.
- Craig Co.
- Roanoke Co.
- Clifton Forge City
- Covington City
- Roanoke City
- Salem City

Area 4
- Augusta Co.
- Bath Co.
- Clarke Co.
- Frederick Co.
- Highland Co.
- Page Co.

Area 4 (Continued)
- Rockbridge Co.
- Rockingham Co.
- Shenandoah Co.
- Warren Co.
- Buena Vista City
- Harrisonburg City
- Lexington City
- Staunton City
- Waynesboro City
- Winchester City

Area 5
- Fairfax Co.
- Loudoun Co.
- Prince William Co.
- Fairfax City
- Falls Church City
- Manassas City
- Manassas Park City

Area 6
- Arlington Co.
- Alexandria City

Area 7
- Albemarle Co.
- Culpeper Co.
- Fauquier Co.
- Fluvanna Co.
- Greene Co.
- Louisa Co.
- Madison Co.
- Nelson Co.
- Orange Co.
- Rappahannock Co.
- Charlottesville City

Area 8
- Amherst Co.
- Appomattox Co.
- Bedford Co.

Area 8 (Continued)
- Campbell Co.
- Franklin Co.
- Henry Co.
- Patrick Co.
- Pittsylvania Co.
- Bedford City
- Danville City
- Lynchburg City
- Martinsville City

Area 9
- Amelia Co.
- Brunswick Co.
- Buckingham Co.
- Charlotte Co.
- Cumberland Co.
- Dinwiddie Co.
- Greensville Co.
- Halifax Co.
- Lunenburg Co.
- Mecklenburg Co.
- Nottoway Co.
- Prince Edward Co.
- Prince George Co.
- Surry Co.
- Sussex Co.
- Colonial Heights City
- Emporia City
- Hopewell City
- Petersburg City
- South Boston City

Area 10
- Richmond City

Area 11
- Charles City Co.
- Chesterfield Co.
- Goochland Co.
- Hanover Co.
- Henrico Co.

Area 11 (Continued)
- New Kent Co.
- Powhatan Co.

Area 12
- Accomack Co.
- Caroline Co.
- Essex Co.
- King George Co.
- King & Queen Co.
- King William Co.
- Lancaster Co.
- Mathews Co.
- Middlesex Co.
- Northampton Co.
- Northumberland Co.
- Richmond Co.
- Spotsylvania Co.
- Stafford Co.
- Westmoreland Co.
- Fredericksburg City

Area 13
- Gloucester Co.
- James City Co.
- York Co.
- Hampton City
- Newport News City
- Poquoson City
- Williamsburg City

Area 14
- Isle of Wight Co.
- Southampton Co.
- Chesapeake City
- Franklin City
- Norfolk City
- Portsmouth City
- Suffolk City
- Virginia Beach City

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